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"PEACE"

There is talk at present of plans for a suitable celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, and, indeed, what better subject for celebration could one find since, never before, in the whole of its long history, has Western Europe known anything like so long a respite from organised bloodshed! The situation is indeed unique.

Let us harbour no illusions as to why we have had this respite. Whether we like it or not, the solid fact is that this miraculous stalemate has been due — AND DUE ENTIRELY — to the deterrent effect of the terrible nuclear weapon now possessed by both sides! In the absence of that weapon, there would have been war again in Europe long ago — in 1954 in fact, as Stalin had planned it.

What is now to be noted very carefully is that there are in Western Europe and the rest of the Free World many hundreds of thousands of benighted puppets (or worse) who are campaigning for *the unilateral nuclear disarmament of the West.* (In Russia anyone caught campaigning for the unilateral disarmament of Russia is, needless to add, already under a frozen mound, or in one of the many "correctional" slave-labour camps).

Nothing of course could suit Russia better than the unilateral nuclear disarmament of the West. Indeed it is her primary objective. For we are so weak and inferior to them in all other branches of warfare that the nuclear is today our sole real defence. (The Soviet High Command estimate that Germany would take them two days to over-run, the rest of the Continent one day, and Great Britain, where they have a huge and useful fifth column, half-an-hour — so they have said).

A well-known Member of the British House of Commons (a Labour Party man) recently mentioned to me that the Soviets spent £19m. last year on the campaign for the unilateral nuclear disarmament of Britain. This figure agrees very well with that given by Dr. Luns of the Netherlands, the outgoing Secretary-General of NATO, who stated publicly that it was around the £18m.-£19m. mark. (The same M.P. also told me that the Russians have at least 50 votes at Westminster).

The American production of first the *A-Bomb* and then the *H-Bomb* were, as defecting Soviet agents and scientists have confirmed to us, two dreadful blows to Russian global plans, for they delayed the conquest of the Free World by 40 years.

The Soviet rulers, being extremely smart folk, who have got their priorities straight, and who have never taken their eyes off the ball since 1917, have taken care, since their humiliating climb-down in Cuba, "to be the fustest with the mostest" in nuclear weaponry, and in every other line of weapon too. Addressing the leaders of the Warsaw Pact in a secret session in 1973, Brezhnev said that *"by 1985, we shall be in a position to impose our will, not only in Western Europe, but anywhere on the globe."* (This sort of output of arms is quite feasible if you keep your mind unwaveringly on the goal, have no changes of government and, particularly, if you have no strikes, in a country where the standard of living is nice and low, the pay-packet is nice and thin, and where you therefore *"get such a much bigger bang for your money"* than you would in a capitalistic society like America, where pay-packets are so fat).

Of course, it would be foolish indeed to think that this means that anyone in Russia *wants* a war! *Of course they don't!* So the Red agents who keep writing letters to the British papers telling us this are 100% right. *Russia does not want a nuclear war. It is the one thing she fears! For it is double-edged and it is messy.*

Nor do they desire any other sort of war if the victory can be won without it. So, as they see it, the right course is to get our people to disarm themselves — and then, Comrades, the road ahead is open!

And unquestionably the clear-headed gentlemen who have been sitting for so long in the Politbureau are completely right and logical in their thinking.

However, (and this is where — at last — "our subject", the UFOs — comes into the picture) a few wiser folk here and there among us are beginning to perceive that *there is now a Joker in the pack — a Joker whose existence was quite unsuspected until recently, though he may well have been here for a long time already.*

We have not the time or space to give details now, but we are working on them for a future article. Meanwhile, it will perhaps suffice at this stage if we remind readers that the evidence provided in the book CLEAR INTENT shows that there are non-human Intelligences now operating in this world who are seemingly quite capable of seeing that no such nuclear conflict occurs here, *and have already given massive proof of this capacity by interfering with nuclear war-heads of missiles.*

It would, no doubt, be fatuously optimistic to imagine that the marionettes of Greenham Common and elsewhere will now have the bat-sense to "pack it in" and go home to their neglected babies, but it is obvious that they are flogging a dead horse. *Because there isn't going to be a nuclear war.*

That does not mean, of course, that there won't be *any* sort of war, although the Russians certainly hope that, faced by their awesome power, the peoples of the West will opt for surrender and will clamour for governments willing to negotiate such surrender.

We may assume that while there are possibly several factions of the Aliens, those who have the whip-hand here are thinking of their own interests when they "spike our nuclear efforts", and that it is of little or no concern to them whether we continue with our conventional wars — indeed there is very good reason for thinking that they might positively welcome and encourage this, as they have probably done in the past.

To judge by the way in which they seem to have treated a lot of their human victims, it would not be surprising if it turned out that they would rather see our world in the cruel grip of an Imperial, Fascist Power. In that case, the USSR might very likely be a favoured candidate.

SOME SPECULATIONS ON "THE INFLUENCE"

D. J. Hampton

THERE was much food for thought in the Editorial to FSR Vol. 29, No. 3, which discussed the question of why such a remarkably small percentage of the world's population appears to be interested in the UFO phenomenon. As the Editor stated, apathy and fear of deviation from conventional patterns (fear of ridicule) could indeed be responsible in some instances. But, after sounding out many people on this matter, I have arrived at the following conclusions:—

1. Nearly everyone has an in-built fear of the unknown or of the incomprehensible, whether or not the individual is aware of this at the conscious level.
2. This fear results in the automatic rejection of the subject of UFOs, and causes the acceptance of "explanations' *that are far more ludicrous than the UFO phenomenon itself.*
3. Some individuals have more fear than others, and make titanic efforts to push and propagate the "explanations" referred to under paragraph 2. If in the public eye, these individuals are promptly hauled in front of microphones or television cameras so that they can preach their ver-

sion of the Gospel, i.e. "Venus" (or any other convenient planet); "insects"; "Russian discus throwers"; "hailstones that have flattened out and glided" (at 1,200 m.p.h.); "sunlight reflected from Patrick Moore's head", etc., etc., etc.

4. *That 1, 2, and 3 are all organised by the Phenomenon itself, in order to prevent investigation and subsequent identification.*

I am also of the opinion that the irrational behaviour of the so-called "UFO occupants", and their daft, half-witted "messages", are expressly staged in order to deter serious scientists, always in fear of being booted out of the Establishment.

A further aspect of the phenomenon which interests me greatly is the microwave effect, and I enclose herewith an article from Vol. 68, No. 1 of a very important journal, the *Proceedings of the (American) Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE),* which deals entirely with the biological effects on the human body as caused by EM (electromagnetic) radiation.[1]

In past issues FSR has recorded numerous accounts of auditory effects on the hapless victims of close-encounters, i.e. for example truck-driver Dionisio Llanca[2] — not to mention the extremely important Fátima[3] incident, and it seems there is a very strong possibility that the UFOs are generating pulsed microwave radiation at high power levels. I have good reason to suspect that the frequency of the radiated pulses is around 3000 MHz (S-Band). This frequency is dangerous to the human body, as the energy is mostly absorbed, creating internal heating as well as buzzing, chirping, and clicking noises. As can be seen from the enclosed IEEE article, the type of noise heard is a function of the radiated pulse width and pulse repetition frequency (PRF).

Since most UFOs seem to require a pulsed EM source, probably linked to a drive/control system, their operators must be cursing the day when humans invented the magnetron oscillator, which gave us the beginnings of *radar.*

In the 1950s, it was suspected by the U.S. authorities that radar was knocking UFOs out of the sky, and the Americans attempted to utilise this on a wide scale, rushing portable radar transmitters to areas of highest UFO activity.

With the modern sophisticated radars, having enormous output power, automatic frequency shift, staggered pulse repetition frequency (PRF), and varying pulse widths, we must be giving the UFO operators one king-sized headache. The Rendlesham Forest UFO[4], and several other alleged UFO crash cases, could easily have been caused by our radar interfering with their control system. Mention might here also be made of the case of the Florida scoutmaster, Sonny Desvergers.[5]. The charred grass roots reportedly found in that case could only have been caused by EM radiation.

Since the hearing apparatus of animals is far more sensitive than that of humans, their obvious acute discomfort when in the proximity of a UFO can also be explained by the reception of high power EM radiation[6].

Notes and References

1. *The Microwave Auditory Phenomenon,* by James C. Lin, Senior Member, IEEE. (This article, and its accompanying bibliography of some 41 items, seems to be of great importance, and all who are interested in this curious aspect of the UFO Phenomenon might find it well worth studying. We have of course no authority to republish the article ourselves).
2. See *The Extraordinary Case of Dionisio Llanca and the UFOnauts,* by Creighton and Bowen, in FSR Vol. 26, No. 4 (1980). Subsequently, in FSR Vol. 30, No. 2 (1984) we reported, in *The Case of Dionisio Llanca in Argentina,* that a campaign is now under way in that country to prove that the affair is totally fraudulent. We have asked for full details of the proof of this, and will publish these details if and when they reach us. In the meantime, it might be wise to stand our ground and await events. For example, who knows whether this drive to debunk Dionisio Llanca is not itself an example of the effect of the "influence" about which Mr Hampton is writing in this article?
3. See (in FSR 28/6), as a very important source of details of the possible microwave radiation effects at Fátima, *The "Apparitions of the Virgin" at Fátima considered in Relation to the UFO Phenomenon,* By Joaquim Fernandes, Editor of the newspaper *Jornal de Noticias,* published in Oporto, Portugal. This article is itself a translation of a digest of part of the very important book published in 1982 by Joaquim Fernandes and his lady colleague Dr Fina d'Armada, holder of a Doctorate in History. The title of this book (so far as we know there is no English translation of it yet) is: *Intervenção Extraterrestre em Fátima — As Aparições e o Fenómeno OVNI* (pub. Bertrand, Lisboa, 1982).
4. On the Rendlesham Forest Case, or Tangham Woods Case, see articles by Jenny Randles in FSR Vol. 27, No. 6 and Vol. 29, No. 6 (*"The Rendlesham Forest Mystery"* and *"More About The Adventures of a Very Peculiar Lighthouse).* Also, more comprehensive, the book *Sky Crash,* by Brenda Butler, Dot Street, and Jenny Randles (pub. Neville Spearman, 1984).
5. See *Report on Unidentified Flying Objects* (Chapter 13), by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, formerly Head of U.S.A.F. *Project Blue Book,* Doubleday, N.Y., 1956. (British edition by Victor Gollancz, 1956.)
6. See Creighton: *A New Catalogue: The Effects of UFOs on Animals, Birds, & Smaller Creatures* (219 cases up to 1968) in FSR Vol. 16, No. 1, through to Vol. 18, No. 3. Finally, on this question of possible "influences" exercised over humans, see also the book review *On Sources for the Hostility to Psychical Research,* by Dr. Ivor Grattan-Guinness, Ph.D., in our next issue. G. C.

THE SORIA ABDUCTION: OR — THE HUNTER HUNTED. PART I

Antonio Ribera

(Translation from Spanish)

For many years past we have been bombarded with a mass of utterly convincing evidence that the UFOs are luminous-bellied ducks, luminous owls, spruce-budworm moths, chemiluminescent air-effects, beer-coolers, hospital-theatre lights, chicken-incubators, tobacco-curers, mock suns, piezo-electricity, ball-lightning, lighthouses, and the planet Venus, so it comes as a great relief to learn that Dr Alvin H. Lawson of California has now solved the UFO Problem — or at any rate the Close Encounter Problem — and has proved that all the UFO abduction narratives are nothing more than memories of *perinatal events* — the distressing experiences of the birth-trauma and after, experiences through which every one of us has passed when embarking upon the extra-uterine stage of our life on Earth.

Illuminated by this new theory, the interesting report by Antonio Ribera which follows will be seen as an account of the work of a devoted team of three unusually husky, broad-shouldered Spanish obstetricians. It will be noted that the Spanish child whom they delivered recalled subsequently under hypnosis that he *had had his dog with him there inside the womb (or was it maybe inside the hospital-ward?)*

Naturally of course a *British* dog. (which is as it *should be.* We British are justly famous as the breeders of fine dogs.)

Fortunately for Dr Lawson's theory, the infant in this particular parturition was a *male* child, for, in addition to his dog, it turns out that (a fine Freudian touch this!) *he had his gun in there with him too!* EDITOR

Introduction

The kidnappings are one of the most fascinating aspects of the whole UFO Phenomenon, abundant and complex as it already is. We know so far of several hundreds of kidnapping or abduction cases throughout the world, but owing to the intrinsic features of abduction (one of these features being what I call "*dis-memory*" in the individual abducted — I prefer this term to "*amnesia*" —) it may well be that very many more cases exist, which, by definition, will in fact for ever remain unknown. And then there are, of course, also the possible cases of "*total abduction*", that is to say, those cases in which the abducted individual is never returned. For I suspect that these cases too exist — and maybe in large numbers. There are, in fact, disturbing police statistics about missing persons, which give much food for thought (entirely leaving aside of course such disappearances as are due to the white slave traffic, voluntary abandonment of the conjugal partner or the paternal home, etc.)

Generally speaking, those humans who have been abducted and whom it has subsequently been possible to interview recall the start and/or the end of the episode. The middle part of it — which is the most important part — has to be extracted from the subconscious by the techniques of hypnotic regression (since it is to the subconscious that this most important part seems to be relegated). In a word, therefore, the subject has got to be hypnotized and made to re-live the mind-boggling episode — which frequently turns out to be highly traumatic for him; maybe indeed this is why the experience has been submerged down there in his subconscious, in order to 'protect him'.

What usually comes to light in these sessions of hypnosis is very interesting and — why should it not be so? — very revealing.

It usually conforms to a pattern: the abduction subject — or subjects — for there are cases of multiple abduction, as we shall see in my book — almost always speak of a "control room" replete with "screens", in which they find themselves — "screens" which they frequently liken to TV screens — with panels and consoles, and with lights flashing on and off. Seated working at these panels there are usually beings — generally humanoid — the putative "crews" of the craft — who usually belong to the category of short, macrocephalic (i.e. large-headed) humanoids, though there are also some that are very tall (as in this present case of Julio F —) or that at times seem to be aberrant types (such as the "robots" at Pascagoula)[1] and sometimes even monsters (as in the case of Zanfretta).[2]

The subject of the kidnapping is subjected almost always to what, if we wish to be clearly understood, we must term "a medical inspection", which usually has its emphasis on the sexual (and possibly also the genetic) aspects; in a very few cases (Villas Boas for example) there is copulation between a "terrestrial" and an "extraterrestrial woman".

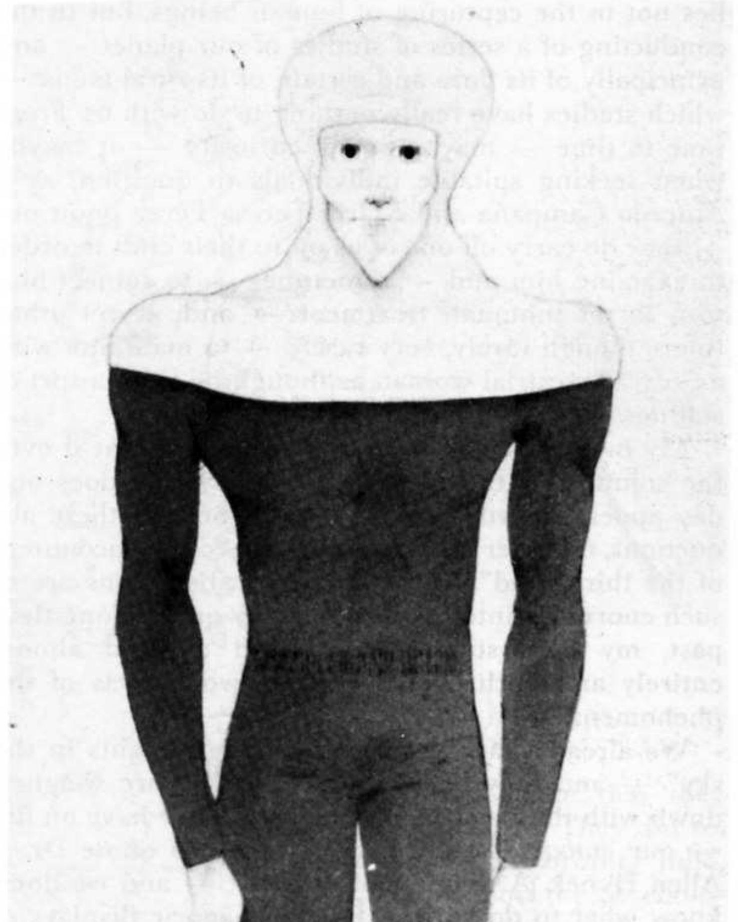
Arriving now at this point in our discussion, we find ourselves confronted by a very important question. Are we to take literally, at its face value, what these abductees tell us in their sessions of hypnosis? This is the very pith and marrow of the question. And

we might say that there are two tendencies in the interpretation. Firstly, there is the psychological tendency — in the famous study conducted by the University of Colorado this was the one that held sway, being represented by Dr Wertheimer and his team — and then there is the other tendency which inclines towards regarding the whole episode as "a real event". The psychologists like to suppose that the whole episode is hallucinatory and has had its origin within the subject's own psyche. But this poses a second problem for us, and one that is perhaps more important than the problem of the actual reality or non-reality of the abduction. For, if the whole thing is purely "imaginary", then, for this repeated pattern to occur, in so many sessions of hypnosis, it is necessary for us to assume that something extremely grave indeed is occurring in the collective unconscious of mankind. For what are here emerging are no longer the "*Jungian archetypes*", the "*mandalas*", but certain facts, certain places, certain personages, which curiously enough are always the same or very similar. And this holds good for housewives, for truck-drivers, for country rustics, and for police-inspectors — all folk who, whether in their public or their private or their spiritual lives, have never had the slightest thing in common.

On the other hand, the second tendency prefers to consider the episode narrated under hypnosis as "real". This is to say: it considers that the subject of the abduction was indeed kidnapped by some "extraterrestrials", who took him aboard their "craft" in order to subject him there to a series of tests and examinations. The possibility of finding ourselves confronted by this second interpretation is, however, no less disturbing. For what does it add up to? It means that "extraterrestrials" — beings of unknown origins, are flying here and there over the surface of the Earth in their craft, landing wherever they like, and kidnapping our fellow-men in order to examine them at their own convenience just as though we were zoological specimens — and nothing more than zoological specimens! And then they let them loose again, after having carefully erased the whole episode from their conscious minds!

Now, if we accept the reality of these happenings, then a number of questions immediately arise. Why are they abducting these people? To what end? What is the purpose of the "physical examination"? Why don't they kill them? Do these abductions perchance have any connection with the cattle and other animals which periodically are found dead, drained of their blood — and at times stripped of organs — eviscerated — in very precise places around the world? And how do these cases — in which there are never any "messages" of any sort, but merely an "examination" of the abductee — fit in with the seraphic accounts given by the so-called "*contactees*", and with their handsome, blond "extraterrestrials", kindly beings that have come here to be our saviours and redeemers?

Among the 3,500 cases that constitute the worldwide catalogue of UFO landings — only the "tip of the iceberg" as Dr. Jacques Vallée himself once described it to me, owing to the intrinsic nature of the landing phenomenon: that is to say, its nocturnal



Artist's drawing, based on Julio's sketch and description.

nature, and its isolated quality — among these 3,500 cases there are numerous "*close encounters of the third kind*" (not, by the way, "of the third phase" as we sometimes hear them mistakenly described) — but they include few, indeed very few, that are cases of "*abduction*".

This would seem to indicate that the principal activity of the "Ufonauts", as they are sometimes called, lies not in the capturing of human beings, but in the conducting of a series of studies of our planet — and principally of its flora and certain of its rural fauna — which studies have really nothing to do with us. From time to time — maybe out of curiosity — or maybe when seeking suitable individuals to question, as J. Antonio Campaña and Mariá Teresa Pérez point out — they do carry off one of us on to their craft in order to examine him and — sometimes — to subject him to a lot of inhuman treatment — and, at yet other times, though rarely, very rarely — to mate him with an extraterrestrial woman as though he were a sort of stallion.[3]

My own personal opinion, however, is that if ever the solution to the fabulous UFO mystery does one day appear, it will come precisely through these abductions, together of course with the "close encounters of the third kind". This is why the abductions are of such enormous interest, and why, for quite a long time past, my own studies have been devoted almost entirely and exclusively to these two aspects of the phenomena.

We already have more than enough "lights in the sky" — and they lead us nowhere. We are weighed down with the quantity of the material we have on file — our *embarras de richesse* — again to quote Dr. J. Allen Hynek. A richness of material — and we don't know what to do with it. Phantasmagoric displays of lights and shapes that explain nothing. But if, on the other hand, we can extract from the mind of a human being who has "actually been inside one of their craft", the details of what he saw there and heard there and felt there, then, good friends, the matter is a very different kettle of fish. To study such a person's account is as it were a vicarious way of visiting an extraterrestrial craft ourselves — without paying any entrance fee, as it were, and without being subjected ourselves to any of their little nastinesses! We penetrate, in fact, to the very heart and core of this disturbing phenomenon.

For I am one of those who believe that the experiences lived by the abductees are real — very, very real. And in saying this I have already defined myself as belonging to the second school of thought of which we have spoken above. Yes. I believe the statements of my fellow-men, even if they do make them under hypnosis, and, as I had the honour to say in December 1979 when I addressed the UFO Study Group of the British House of Lords, the eyewitness usually turns out to be telling the truth. There is a widespread tendency among our Ufologists — particularly among the younger and most "scientific" of them — to think there is nothing to it all beyond the making of more and more catalogues, to talk all the time about "*the phenomenon*" (it sounds more 'clinical' somehow, that way), and to regard the E.T. Hypothesis ("Extraterrestrial Hypothesis") as outmoded.

They claim in this way to be more trendy, more "*with it*", and to be presenting a "more scientific image". But for the scientist — the true scientist — there comes a moment when he too must engage himself and make a stand. "*Eppur si muove!*", cried one of these gentlemen, so we are told, when he found himself faced with a situation where he had to make it clear where he stood.

"*EPPUR ESISTONO!*". Since yes, they exist, I have no way out but to proclaim it, in view of the utterly overwhelming evidence to hand. It is this evidence, and these cases, that we shall proceed to demonstrate in this new book of mine, *Secuestrados Por Extraterrestres*[4] (published by Editorial Planeta of Barcelona in December 1981).

Many of these younger Spanish investigators referred to above are dominated by the excessive fetishism and worship of statistics and computers, failing to perceive that these machines are themselves merely the product of what is still the most perfect computer that exists — namely the human brain, with its millions of neurons and synapses. And these investigators seem to have a total contempt for the *intuition,* as I pointed out at Mérida, at the Second Iberian Ufological Congress. Intuition enables us to arrive by one single bound at truths that it takes years to reach by the analytical method. And the role of the intuition is well recognized today, beginning with Bergson and down on to Einstein via Poincaré, who called it *"the subliminal self",* but was of course talking about the same thing.

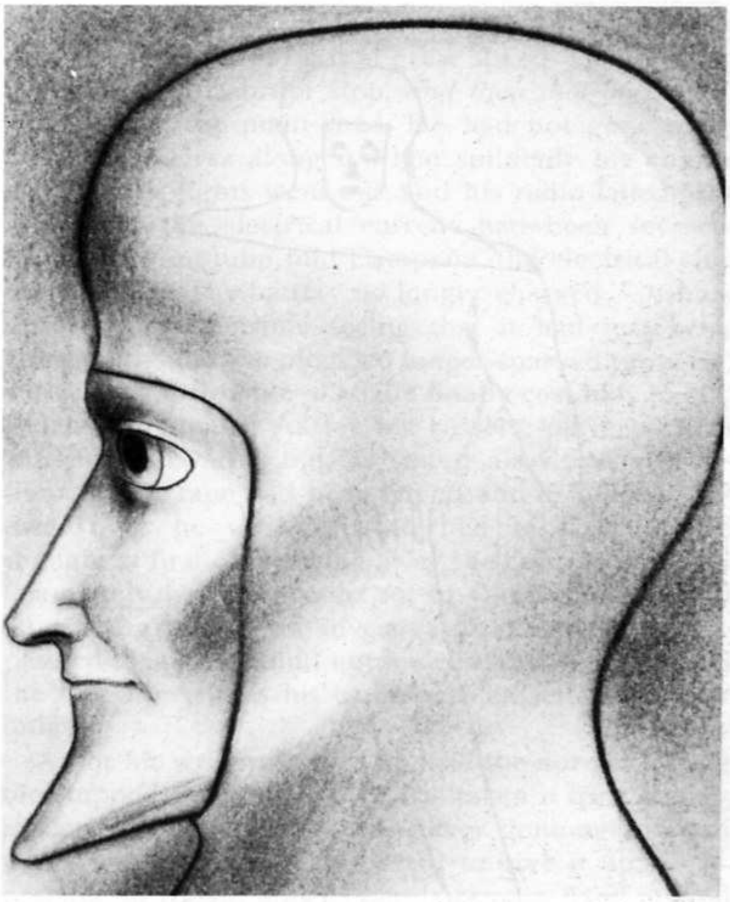
The Case of Julio F—

The case of the abduction of the Spanish hunter Julio F—, which took place in the north-central Spanish Province of Soria in the winter of 1978, is possibly one of the best and most studied cases ever reported in the world. Julio (who has always refused to permit his full name to be revealed, although of course it is known to me) has never failed to make himself readily available, and most willingly, right from the very outset, for every sort of test, and for all the hypnotic regression sessions and all the questions that the investigators have wanted to inflict upon him. For more than one whole year, in Madrid (where he lives) he submitted to all these tests and studies — and the transcription of just one out of the dozens of sessions of hypnosis (in which no less than three of Spain's

most reputed hypnotists took part) would by itself fill a whole volume. In *Secuestrados Por Extraterrestres,* which deals with abductions, I have published some of this regression material from Julio F—'s case, but even so it only amounts to about one-third of the total.

What I wish to give now in the present article, specially written for FSR's readers, is a summary of the events in the case, based upon these lengthy interrogations and tape-recordings secured from Julio F— under hypnosis. I should add that the persons responsible for carrying out this task were Señor José Luis Jordán Peña, a psychologist, who is Director of the Laboratory of the Spanish Society for Parapsychology, Señorita Ana Mozo, who is a qualified hypnotist and holder of the Diploma in Hypnotism, and Dr. Jesús Durán, who is a psychiatrist and a specialist in clinical hypnosis. Not once was any contradiction found in any of the various statements made under hypnosis by Julio F— to these three specialists, each session serving merely to elicit additional details of his amazing experience.

The first information about this case was, in fact, secured by one of these three Madrid investigators, namely José Luis Jordán Peña, who, at the conclusion of one of his frequent lectures on the UFO Phenomenon, was approached by a member of the audience named Manolo F—, who told him that his (Manolo's) brother had had an impressive experience, and that he wanted him to meet the brother.



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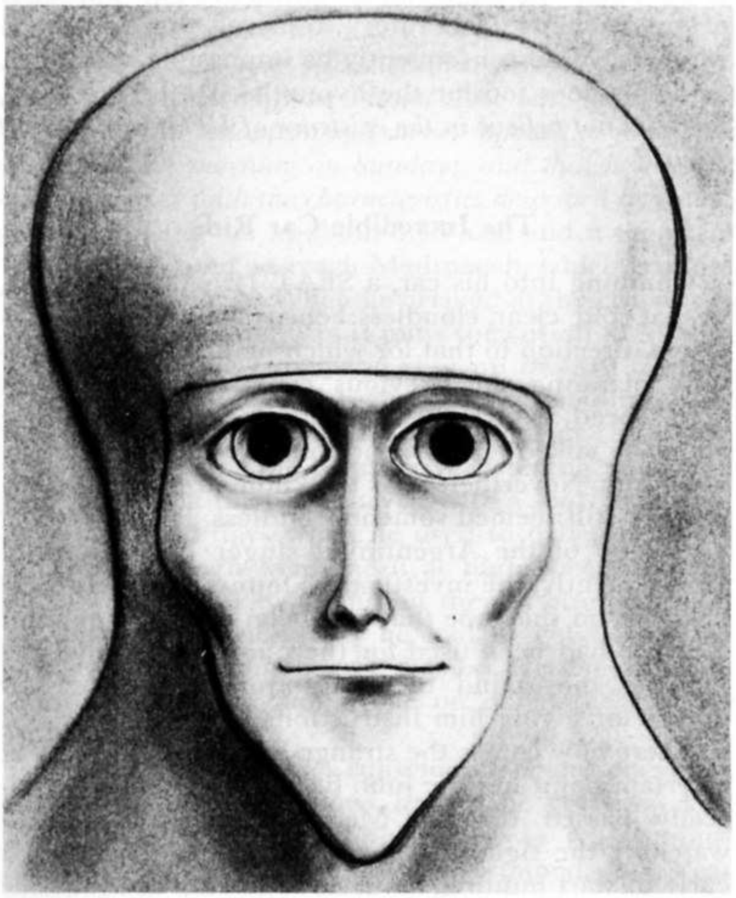
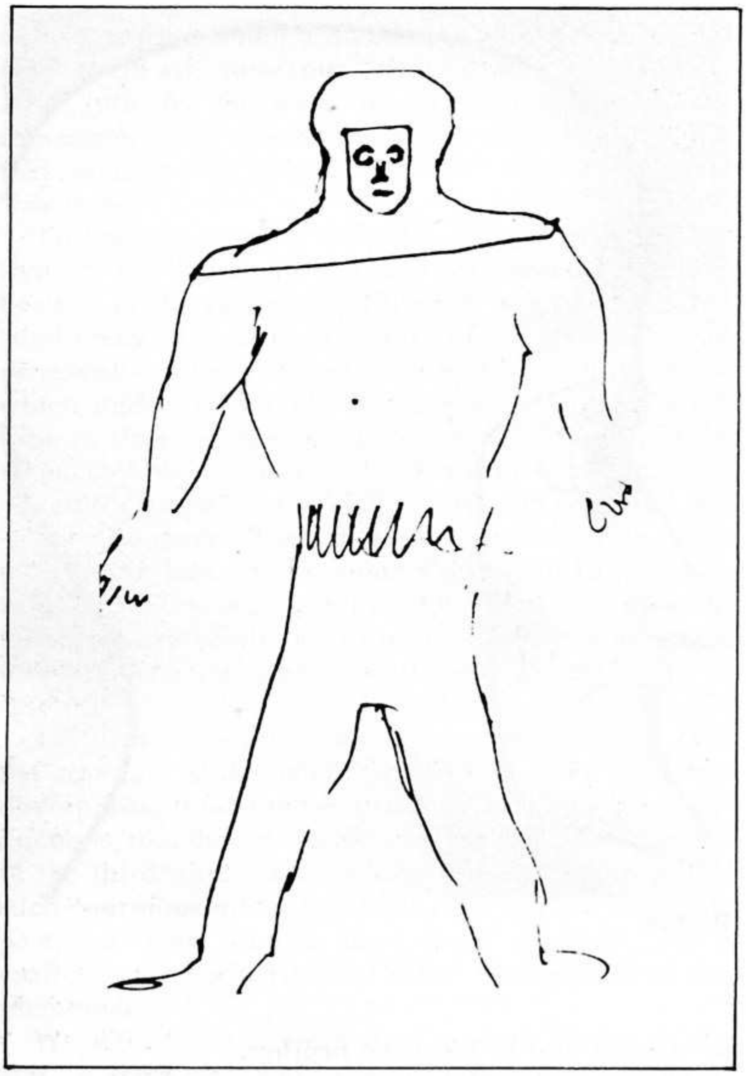


Full Face.

An arrangement was thereupon made that they should meet in a certain café in Madrid. They did so. Manolo appeared, accompanied by his brother Julio, who made a profound impression upon the psychologist by the evident sincerity and authenticity of his story.

The Details of the Occurrence

It all began on the morning of Sunday, February 5, 1978. Julio F— was thirty years old at the time, married with a little son aged 2½. He had done a three-year course of training as a veterinarian. He was engaged in a family business at the time, but his real bent was in such directions as photography and electronics. He presents the same pattern that we find in so many abductees: they are all young people, healthy in mind and body, simple in their tastes, with no determined specialization nor any great level of education, but without vices. *In a word, folk of a certain sort of purity.* Are they perhaps chosen because of these features? It is very possible. This gamut of the abductees — already totalling several hundreds of men and women — contains scarcely any politicians, any military people, any scientists, or any priests of any religion. All of them correspond to the pattern indicated above: simple human beings, and very often,



Julio's sketch.

as Professor James Harder point out, they have had a "UFO episode" during their childhood. Are they folk who have been "followed up" ever since that episode? It could be. Perhaps an attempt is being made, with them, to create what Dr Leo Sprinkle calls "citizens of the Cosmos".

Let us, however, return to Julio F—. He reads a great deal, in order to keep himself informed about the world around him and about mankind, but he has never been attracted by anything on parascientific or ufological themes. He is a great sportsman, he is a mountaineer and explorer, and he is a Tae Kwon Do black belt. But above all his great passion is for going out alone on shooting expeditions, with his faithful dog Mus, a pure-bred English pointer. To conclude this brief portrait of Julio I will simply add that he is tall (1 m. 75), strong, swarthy, with a thick black beard, and starting to go bald. The look that he gives you, from his brown eyes with their green reflections, limpid, deep, sincere, is unforgettable. Like so many other abductees, he is a restless man, who does not remain long in the same sort of job.

On the day in question, February 5, 1978, the close-season for hunting had just ended. Julio had decided on the previous day that he would set out and enjoy his first hunt of the season in an area due west of Madrid and near the town of Casavieja, in the Province of Ávila, where there is an abundance of hares. But he had not slept very well that night. He got up from his bed at about midnight and, after a light breakfast, he put his dog and his gun in the car and sallied forth at 3.30 a.m., but then, instead of taking the road to Boadilla del Monte, which would have brought him straight to Casavieja, he set off in the diametrically opposite direction, north-eastwards along the Barcelona road towards the Province of Soria!

When the Ufologist José Antonio Campaña, who co-ordinated the whole investigation of the case and tape-recorded all the sessions of hypnosis, asked Julio why he had not gone to Casavieja, he replied that he did not know. It seems that an irresistible impulse drove him in the opposite direction towards Medinaceli, in the Province of Soria.

At this point I would like to remind the reader that the psychological tests carried out on Julio revealed an IQ higher than normal, together with a very well-balanced personality, perfectly integrated and without a trace of the psychopathic. Julio is not a mental defective nor a concoctor of tales nor a mythomaniac. On the contrary. He is a very realistic person, very objective, and, above all, incapable of lying.

Such were the results revealed by the psychometric tests carried out on Julio by the meticulous and sceptically minded Jordán Peña, who in the course of his professional duties has done hundreds and hundreds of psychometric laboratory tests of this kind and whom it would consequently be impossible to deceive. And this goes too for the hypnotist, Dr Jesús Durán, *who did not believe in the existence of UFOs until he met Julio F—.*

The Incredible Car Ride

Climbing into his car, a SEAT 127, Julio set forth, in that cold, clear, cloudless February night, in the opposite direction to that for which he had been so carefully planning the previous evening. Travelling at high speed, which he much enjoys when driving alone, he talked to Mus, and the dog sat there looking up at him. Nevertheless, as the kilometres sped by, the journey still seemed somehow endless. He had put on a cassette of the Argentinian singer Jorge Cafrune. (Subsequently, the investigators found that there were passages on this tape that had been erased. Doubtless the tape had been used for the purpose of subjecting Julio to the sound of a "tranquilizing voice". Or maybe for giving him instructions?)

There now comes the strange episode of the bar. At a certain point in time Julio began to think he had already passed through Medinaceli, and he began watching the signposts. Realizing that it was still too early to start hunting, he decided to stop at a wayside bar and drink a coffee and an anis, which he greatly

enjoys when out shooting. So, at about half-past-four or a quarter-to-five a.m., he pulled in at the bar known as the *Hostal 113* which stands beside the highway just at the outskirts of Algora, near Guadalajara. (Based on the reconstruction of the facts as subsequently worked out by José Antonio Campaña.)

The waiter on duty at the bar was a tall, fair-complexioned type (Julio thought he was wearing a wig) and he was wearing rubber gloves, which are not permitted under the current Spanish regulations controlling the operation of bars. During the short time that he was in the bar, Julio noticed two or three things that struck his attention. One was that, during the whole time that he was there — twenty minutes — not a soul came into the bar, whereas normally there would have been truck-drivers, members of the Guardia Civil, other hunters, and so on.

Apart from the strange appearance of the waiter — who in any case did not seem to be acting in quite the usual easy fashion displayed by professionals — another thing that caught Julio's attention was the strong *smell of pine,* which he decided must be due to some detergent that had been used in cleaning the premises. Strangely enough, Julio was to smell this same "odour of pine" again later, inside the craft aboard which he was abducted.

Thirdly, his conversation with the waiter was also rather curious. Even when under hypnosis, Julio was unable to recall it very well. But they spoke about hunting, it seems, and the waiter took an interest in Mus, and kept insisting to Julio that he should go to one particular place to hunt.

(Subsequently, the investigators in this case interviewed the owner of the Hostal 113 bar, and he told them that his establishment never opened before 8.00 o'clock in the morning on Sundays, and that he did not have a waiter with the characteristics described by Julio.)

Julio left the bar at about 5.45 a.m. and it took him another half hour to reach Medinaceli, which is about 50 kms. from there. When he arrived at the crossroads where National Highway II joins the cut-off to Medinaceli, he took the latter, and shot up the hill towards the town at full speed, thoroughly enjoying himself. At this point he switched off the Jorge Cafrune cassette so as to enjoy better the pleasure of listening to his engine as he took the tight curves, with a sense of nostalgia for the old days when he used to drive in rallies. He went through Medinaceli at high speed, moving into top-gear and switching on the cassette again, for he simply *knew* now that he had to get to a place located fifteen kilometres further on. He left the town away on his right, and drove on down the road to Barahona.

This is as far as Julio's conscious memory goes. The whole of what now follows had to be got from him under hypnotic regression. And it is truly mind-boggling. As was subsequently ascertained, Julio's car plunged into a steep dirt-track hidden between bushes and running off for about two kilometres at a right angle. He shot up it at great speed. Then the car juddered to an abrupt stop, *and then shot backwards* again on to the main road. He had not gone more than 100 metres along it when suddenly his engine stopped, his lights went out, and his radio failed, just as though the electrical current had been severed. From then on, Julio told Campaña, the electrical side was finished. The battery no longer charged — which was incomprehensible seeing that it had just been changed — and the plugs no longer sparked properly. This pretty little state of affairs finally cost him 15,000 Pesetas in repairs. As for his cassette-player, it still worked afterwards, but, as stated above, whole sections on the tape had been wiped out, to Julio's great disgust, as he was very attached to Cafrune. He thought at first of throwing away the cassette, but very fortunately he did not do so, so was able to find it later and give it to the investigators. (It should be explained that Julio could not have inadvertently erased the tape himself, as his car's radio-cassette is "player only".)

As for his wristwatch, which is of the normal type, it too stopped and although he has taken it from watchmaker to watchmaker, it has never gone again since that day, and he has finally had to give it up as impossible to repair, and its hands remain fixed at 6.40 a.m.

I must also mention that during much of this hair-raising journey, there was a powerful "light" above the car, accompanying it, and in fact all the indications suggest that he was being "taken" to where "somebody" wanted him to be . . .

When the car finally stopped, Julio opened the door and stepped out feeling in a peevish sort of mood, as it looked as though all this was going to wreck his hunting trip. He was inclined to think that the reason for the failure of his engine was in the ignition so he opened up the bonnet and looked around in vain for a cause. And, to cap it all, he now found that he had no batteries in his torch.

Suddenly Mus began to growl, and moved into a position between Julio and the road, as though to warn him of some impending danger. The hairs on the dog's back were bristling, erect, and the animal was under tremendous tension and showing all the signs of rapidly growing fear. Julio had never seen the dog in such a state before and it terrified him. His first thought was of *wolves,* for they were now in a lonely upland area and it was the winter season. So he opened up his boot and took out his Winchester automatic and loaded it with the five cartridges that he always carried loose in his trouser pocket. Then, feeling a little calmer now, he peered around to see if he could detect anything.

The dog was still growling. And it was at this moment that Julio caught sight of two human forms coming along the track. He thinks they were at a dis-

tance of about 80 metres when he first saw them. Over towards his left it was beginning to dawn, and the clothing of the individuals seemed to be light-reflecting. As they got nearer, he could pick out more details. Their garb, of a pastel green shade, gave off a very faint luminosity. Their heads and shoulders were covered by yellow cowls or hoods, leaving only the face uncovered. They were very tall, of the male sex, with extremely broad shoulders, narrow waists, and an athletic aspect. Their crania were enormous, and their hands immensely long and bony. (The investigators from Madrid later made a reconstruction of Julio's encounter, at the same hour of the day and on the same day of the year, and on the same spot, and they did in fact find that, after having been there for five minutes, their eyes had become accustomed to the half-light of dawn and they were able to see shapes at a distance of up to seventy or eighty metres, though without any great detail.)

Without wavering the two tall men continued to approach, and finally came to a halt when only a metre and a half from Julio. The latter felt no sense of fear at their presence, but merely amazement, astonishment. He even called off the dog, and told him not to bite them. He perceived right from the first instant that they were alien beings, and not of this world. How it was that he knew this, he cannot say. Their presence inspired in him a sense of peace and calm. He had the feeling as though he were meeting somebody whom he knew, but whom he had not seen for a long time.

When they came to where he was, they halted, and spoke to him. To begin with, he thought the communication was oral, but later, as he observed that their lips were not moving, he perceived that the whole thing was done mentally. They said: "*Calm yourself, there's nothing to worry about. All we want is that you will come with us please.*" Julio got the impression that their chief interest really lay in the dog, and that they were asking him to go with them in his capacity of master or controller of Mus. They assured him that it would be an interesting experience for him, and that there was nothing to be afraid of, as they would come back. Julio emphasises that *it was not an order,* but an invitation, and a most cordial one. Indeed almost a request. He thinks that, had he refused, they would not have insisted. And so he accepted at once, having the intuitive feeling that these were good folk, incapable of doing harm. So he shouldered his gun and they all set off together down the road, with one of them on each side of him.

Appearance and Behaviour of the Entities

The impression that the tall men made on Julio was one of amiable coolness. They made very few gestures. They moved their arms when working or when they wanted to do anything practical; otherwise they held them close beside the body. Nothing disturbed their calm. Nevertheless, as he was to discover when inside their craft, they performed their tasks with speed and assurance. They seemed to him to be technologically our superiors, but not so as regards culture. For example, he remarked to Campaña that those folk "*didn't have a Beethoven*". They were practical and direct. They were interested in science for its immediate application. Maybe they did not possess a Beethoven, not because of any incapacity on their part, but because they had passed beyond that stage of evolution; and *as he watched them, he felt that he was seeing the man of the future; how we ourselves would be thousands of years from now.* They seemed to him to be partly scientists, partly soldiers. They moved around with great discipline, each engrossed in his task, far more methodically than our astronauts.

As regards their behaviour, it struck him as strange, but not excessively so. They wore seamless one-piece pastel-green overalls that reached to the feet. The garments had no zip-fasteners nor openings, but were gathered at the waists as our pullovers are. The overall was sufficiently tight-fitting for their muscles to show. The material from which the overalls were made resembled the plastic of anoraks but was softer and more elastic. No fibres, no thread, and no designs were to be detected in it. The material was smooth and did not rustle when it moved.

Julio did not see their footwear, but thought that they might have been wearing short boots beneath the overalls. Their hoods, like their gloves, were of a pale yellow colour. Both hoods and gloves were made of a texture resembling satin-stitch, very fine and fitting the parts of the body closely. Their hands had of course five fingers.

Physical Appearance of the Beings

The men made a deep impression on Julio. They looked very strong. The breadth of their shoulders was quite out of proportion. The powerful dorsal muscles showed very prominently. They had the athletic constitutions of individuals accustomed to sporting activities; they put him in mind somewhat of American football-players, both by their stature — around two metres — and their general physical type and narrow hips. They differed from us in the extreme length of their arms, which reached right down to the knees. The extremely long hands much impressed Julio too: they looked feeble and bony, very fragile, like the hands of pianists. Their immensely long, fine fingers impressed him vastly. Thin and knotted — there was nothing but tendon and bone to be seen beneath the skin; looking at them, one would say that such folk had assuredly never wielded a pickaxe nor lifted a heavy weight. Their fingernails were short and clean and normal. Once more, on the subject of their hands, he emphasised that they stood out, because they did

not seem to go together with their bodies.

Their heads were also different from the human head. The forehead went straight up for a good distance and then into a great high curve; it protruded more than our foreheads do, and was also much bigger. One of their most typical features was a prominence over the eyes, very massive. (This is what anatomists call the supraorbital arch. The studies which have subsequently been made have permitted us to establish, as we shall show later, that *the cranial capacity of these beings was about 10,000 cubic cms., whereas the capacity of the average man of our species is around 1,500 cubic cms.*)

Julio was unable to observe on them any eyebrows, eyelashes, or any traces of beard or hair. According to the lady biologist Dr Maite Pérez Álvarez, the absence of hair is a feature of advanced evolution. As for the area of the temples, the entities had the parietal bones very much developed, their size and degree of convexity being considerable, the head almost a huge globe. He likewise observed no ears, these being presumably covered by the hoods. As for the eyes, he said they were absolutely "unforgettable", like two huge beacons projecting from the face. The eyelids were oval in contour and did not terminate in an angle or a fold, as they do in humans. The iris, gigantic, was double the size of the normal iris of a human eye, and was of a pale blue, almost transparent, shade. The pupil seemed to be extremely dilated, and this gave them a hypnotic gaze as though in a kind of permanent state of fright or shock (though — paradoxically — it had a tranquilizing effect).

The face was very bony, with a long thin nose and high cheek-bones. The hard, angular features put Julio in mind of the well-known carved wooden figures found in the Basque country of Spain. The mouth showed as nothing more than a mere red streak, likewise very thin, in place of lips.

One of the most striking features was the chin. This was enormous, projecting outwards and downwards and ending in a point. It was cone-shaped.

Julio was so close that he could even see the very pores in their skin. This was of an extremely bluish-white tinge, such as is typical in individuals that have never received the rays of the Sun. The whole aspect was *nordic;* Julio is convinced that excessive sunlight would be harmful to them. He asserts that they could see better in the dark than we can, for they were able to walk around with amazing rapidity, so that he had a job to keep up with them, especially as he had to take on an average 1½ strides for every one of theirs. Their gait as they walked was majestic, elegant, rhythmical. They used their toes like athletes. They put Julio in mind of Fred Astaire, or also of giraffes, which likewise have a slow, measured, harmonious pace because their centre of gravity is far above the ground.

Nevertheless, despite all this, they were completely human; completely tangible and palpable. They were not teleprojections, and not robots. Julio swears that, with glasses and false beards, they would be able to pass undetected in any Scandinavian country.[5]

(To be continued)

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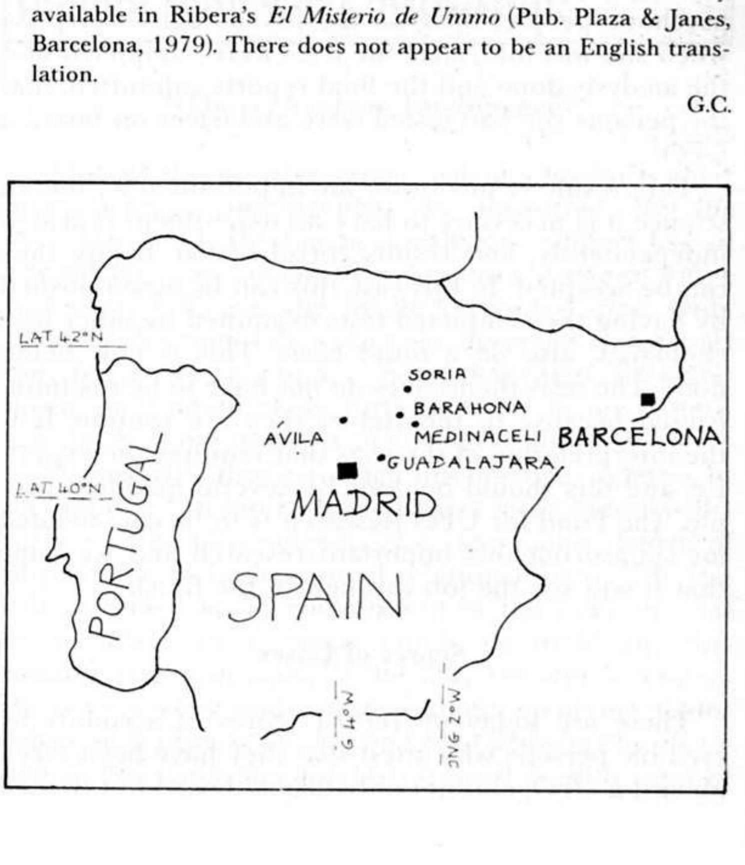

ABDUCTEES ARE "NORMAL" PEOPLE: THE PSYCHOLOGIST AND THE ABDUCTEE

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As everyone knows, Dr. Hynek is an extremely careful and cautious man, and it is only right that he should be so. We therefore think that this article by him, which appeared in Vol. 9, No. 4 (July/August 1984) of his journal, THE INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER, is of the greatest importance and deserves to be considered carefully by all who study our maddening subject. — EDITOR.

AN *experimentum crucis,* which may be truly crucial in the field of ufology and with far reaching consequences, has recently been completed. It was funded by a grant from the Fund for UFO Research, to Ted Bloecher, Dr. Aphrodite Clamar, and Budd Hopkins. Its implications are so great that its results are now being studied independently by other psychologists.

In short, the experiment was this: to have a fully accredited, professional psychologist administer standard tests (Rorschach, TAT, Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, and the long recognized Minnesota Multiphasic Tests, as well as projective drawings) *without* the knowledge that the persons she was testing were in any way involved with UFOs. She was told nothing of their backgrounds but one may assume that she thought that perhaps the persons were being tested for emotional and psychic stability before being considered for some sensitive positions.

All nine persons passed the tests as normal, non-psychotic people; imagine the psychologist's surprise when she was told, after the tests were completed and the analysis done and the final reports submitted, that the persons she had tested were abductees on board a UFO!

This result is obviously an important one, but in science it is necessary to have an experiment repeated independently, and results corroborated, before they can be accepted. In this case this can be accomplished by having the completed tests examined by other psychologists, also on a blind basis. This is now being done. The tests themselves do not have to be readministered because in themselves they are routine. It is the interpretation of the tests that requires the expertise, and this should be done by several qualified people. The Fund for UFO Research is to be commended for sponsoring this important research and we hope that it will see the job through to the finish.

Scores of Cases

There are today on record scores of accounts by credible persons who attest that they have been taken aboard a UFO, and not only taken aboard but treated in a seemingly programmed way. They report being placed upon a table and administered some type of medical examination, sometimes having been partially or totally undressed by or at the command of the Ufonauts, and then released, generally with the admonition that they would not remember what had happened to them.

This similarity of the accounts coming from many different countries and, as in many cases, from people whose credibility would not be questioned in other circumstances, leads one to take these stories seriously even though they fly in the face of common sense. Not only have the professional UFO debunkers decried abductee accounts, but some serious ufologists have likewise balked at accepting these accounts as evidence of real physical happenings. The latter do not question the reality of the event to the abductee (a very real event often with traumatic effects) but they question whether the event was *"real-real"*. UFO skeptics hold, especially in the cases where the witness has successfully passed a lie-detector or similar test, that somehow the witness was so deluded that he believed the event; thus he was not lying and, therefore, was able to pass the polygraph test.

Regressive Hypnosis

Skepticism tends to ride especially high because often the major portion of the abduction account is obtained through regressive hypnosis. Amnesia and "missing time" is a frequent adjunct in abduction cases, ascribed to the fact that, while on board, the witnesses were psychologically manipulated and hypnotized or otherwise prevented from remembering. Arguments upon arguments have occurred as to what extent hypnosis itself is a reliable tool in UFO (and other) investigations. This, coupled with the extremely bizarre nature of the abduction accounts, has led to considerable question as to the mental state of the witnesses. Were they hallucinating? Are they schizophrenic or at least mildly psychotic? . . . anything to find a reason to dismiss abduction cases as unreal.

And many ufologists have confessed privately that, somehow, they wished abduction cases would go away! Daylight disks and physical trace cases seem so much more wholesome! In science, however, one does not dismiss data simply because one entertains some prejudices about them. And abduction cases do continue to be reported!

Need for Tests

This issue was regarded by Dr. Aphrodite Clamar, psychologist, and Ted Bloecher and Budd Hopkins *(Missing Time),* UFO investigators, as of prime importance; the issue of the mental stability of abductees had to be addressed. To that end they approached the Fund for UFO Research for aid. These three investigators had already looked closely into 22 abduction cases, 17 with the aid of hypnosis and five without, and found from their studies that all these witnesses were "playing with a full deck of cards" and most held responsible positions in society. It was decided to select (as a test sample for an in-depth study of abductees) five men and four women. These nine, of course, knew what the reason for the testing was but "played it straight"; the newly engaged psychologist, Dr. Slater, knew these nine simply as people she had been asked to test.

The nine abductees tested, all of whom requested anonymity, had professions that brought them into contact with the public: college instructor, actor and tennis instructor, electronics expert, corporation lawyer, business executive, commercial artist, secretary, salesman and audio technician, and finally, a director of a chemistry laboratory. All had college degrees, and three had attended graduate school. Four were single, four were divorced, and one married. Each of the nine had reported an abduction aboard a UFO, missing time, contact with and examination by "aliens".

The recommendation of the examining psychologist was left to a third party not known by any of the three investigators except by reputation. From the standpoint of the three investigators (but not that of the psychologist), the primary goal was to determine whether there was in any or all of the nine the presence (or absence) of mental problems which could account for the invention of very similar stories of being taken forcibly aboard a strange craft and manipulated and examined in much the same way a pathologist might examine a white mouse for experimental purposes.

In short, was there any common psychological quirk that might predispose one to the telling of such stories and in such similar patterns?

As each of the nine subjects was given the battery of tests, Dr. Slater wrote an extensive individual report and sent it to Dr. Clamar. In a 15-page report, "Conclusions of Nine Psychologicals", her findings are summarised, and this, plus evaluation of these tests by other psychologists, will in time be published under the auspices of the Fund for UFO Research. The individual tests, of course, are privileged medical information and will remain in the possession of Dr. Clamar.

It is of considerable interest to extract from the report some sections which illustrate the nature of the results. As one of the recipients of the research grant, and representing the other grantees, Mr. Hopkins has given permission to have them included here. Despite the inclusion of some technical terminology, it appears best not to deviate from the actual report lest this writer's interpretation might intrude:

". . . While the subjects are quite heterogeneous in their personality styles, there is a modicum of homogeneity in several respects: 1) relatively high intelligence with concomitant richness of inner life; 2) relative weakness in the sense of identity, especially sexual identity; 3) concomitant vulnerability in the interpersonal realm; 4) a certain orientation towards alertness which is manifest alternately in a certain perceptual sophistication and awareness or in interpersonal hypervigilance and caution. Perhaps the most obvious and prominent impression left by the nine subjects is the range of personality styles they present . . . there is little to unite them as a group from the standpoint of the overt manifestations of their personalities . . . they [are] very distinctive, unusual and interesting subjects.

Abductees tested anonymously prove above-average in intelligence, interesting, with a rich inner life, though somewhat distrustful.

"Above Average Intelligence"

"One of the positive aspects of this group is their above-average intelligence. As measured by the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, one subject has an overall IQ score in the Very Superior range and five had overall IQs in the Bright Average range. Only three of the nine fall within the Average range, and they fall in the very upper end of that range. Breaking down intellectual skills further, there is no pattern among the nine in terms of strongest abilities.

"Along with above average intelligence, richness in mental life, and indications of narcissistic identity disturbance, the nine subjects also share some degree of impairment in interpersonal relationships . . . The last salient dimension of impairment in the interpersonal realm relates to a certain mildly paranoid and distrusting streak in many of the subjects, which renders them very wary and cautious about involving themselves with others. *[If they had been abducted by aliens, one would think they might very well be distrustful of*

others! J.A.H.] One of the women, for instance, gave frequent Rorschach responses of people who are back to back, looking at one another over their shoulders, or otherwise facing one another only indirectly. One of the men, on the other hand, in the Rorschach test interpreted the ink blots as one anticipating being used and abused by others. For him, relationships are characterized by discord, rudeness, disappointment and distrust.

"To summarize, while this is a heterogeneous group in terms of overt personality style, it can be said that most of its members share being rather unusual and very interesting. They also share brighter than average intelligence and a certain richness of inner life that can operate favorably in terms of creativity and disadvantageously to the extent that it can be overwhelming."

Psychologist Amazed

Dr. Slater, the psychologist, did not learn until several days after she had submitted her final report to Dr. Clamar and the others what the true nature of the project had been . . . the UFO connection! She was astounded and downright flabbergasted. First off, she knew little about the subject of UFOs and almost nothing about the abduction issue. She was told that several people she had tested had been subjects in Hopkins' book, *Missing Time,* a copy of which she was then given. All this resulted in an eight-page addendum to her report in which she addressed questions asked her by the investigators after the disclosure. In summary, she stated, ". . .The first and most critical question is whether our subjects' reported experiences could be accounted for strictly on the basis of psychopathology, i.e., mental disorder. The answer is a firm No. In broad terms, if the reported abductions were confabulated fantasy productions, based on what we know about psychological disorders, they could only have come from pathological liars, paranoid schizophrenics, and severely disturbed and extraordinarily rare hysteroid characters subject to fugue states and/or multiple personality shifts . . . It is important to note that not one of the subjects, based on test data, falls into any one of these categories. Therefore, while the testing can do nothing to prove the veracity of the UFO abduction report, one can conclude that the test findings are not inconsistent with the possibility that reported abductions have, in fact, occurred. In other words, there is no apparent psychological explanation for their reports."

Test Results as to be Expected

Dr. Slater now goes on to point out what to ufologists would be obvious: had the persons tested had such abduction experiences some of the test results would have been expected.

"Psychological traits which arose consistently in the subjects included a surprising degree of inner turmoil as well as a great degree of wariness and distrust. Logically, such emotional upheaval and accompanying caution about the world might certainly follow in the wake of an experience as described above.

"Furthermore, if one considers the skepticism and disrepute that are typically encountered with reports of UFO sightings, then not only are we characterizing UFO abduction as inherently traumatic, but we must add that it would likely carry social stigmatization as well . . . Assuming for the sake of argument that abduction has actually occurred and that presumably its occurrence would be very rare, it then becomes something that cannot be readily shared with others as a means of obtaining emotional support. Consequently, one would likely find a deep sense of shame, secretiveness and social alienation among the victims, who would have undergone a profound experience that could not be comprehended or accepted by others. The closest analogy might be the interpersonal alienation of the rape victim, who has been violated most brutally but somehow becomes tainted by virtue of the crime against her.

"It will be recalled that the nine subjects showed considerable interpersonal difficulty that is in keeping with the above description . . . They all showed anxiety and discomfort in interpersonal contexts and frequently were at a loss about how to handle themselves or others. This anxiety was accompanied by a general wariness, instinctive self-protectiveness, and sensitivity to criticism or other interpersonal injury or insult. Such problems make a great deal of sense if these individuals have an awful secret to guard."

Conclusions

So, then, where are we? The implications of this pioneer investigation are obviously far reaching. Do we now have to take abduction stories very seriously? Considering that these tests (and assuming the follow-up evaluations by other highly qualified professional psychologists are in agreement) demonstrate that people who report that they have been abducted by a UFO are, as a rule, otherwise quite normal people, and that their abduction accounts cannot be ascribed to psychological disturbances, there remains no doubt that abduction accounts must be taken as a legitimate aspect of the total UFO phenomenon. In short, abduction accounts can no longer be put into a handy pigeonhole off to the side and then forgotten. So, yes, we must take the abduction stories seriously. Was it a "real" abduction? The tests do not prove this. All that can be inferred is that a set of normal people underwent what to them was a vivid, traumatic real experience, an experience that profoundly affected their lives. But if we do not accept the abduction accounts as real, what sort of "cop-out" can we adopt?

Can we say that there is some sort of a "standard dream" that occasionally hits mentally stable people of good reputation and standing in various parts of the world? If so, what prompts the "dream"? And why is the dream so standard, involving medical examinations etc. and oft-times, scars as evidence that something physical did go on?

Abduction Phenomenon Pivotal?

This is why the abduction phenomenon is perhaps pivotal in the whole UFO scheme: it may represent a "bridge," an interface, between the real physical world we are so familiar with (or are we?) and a "counter, psychological" world and its interaction with the "real" world which we are only now beginning to explore.

Certainly, the test results here described do not support a trite "psychological, or psycho-pathological" explanation. Perhaps we may again quote William James, who may have been onto something when he wrote, many years ago, *"Whatever else be certain, this at least is certain: that the world of our present natural knowledge is enveloped in a larger world of some sort of whose residual properties we at present can frame no positive idea."* Just what is the nature of the world of the abductee?

A FLAGRANT BRITISH COVER-UP IN 1979

Gordon Creighton

During the closing days of November and the first week of December of 1979, a flurry of sighting-reports came in from various districts of the south-western corner of the County of Hertfordshire, which lies about twenty miles to the north from London. The areas concerned comprised Watford, Oxhey, Bedmond, Rickmansworth, and Chorleywood.

These sightings must have engendered some alarm in official quarters in Britain, who accordingly found it necessary to mount an astonishing cover-up operation.

Watford Sighting

The initial report came from a lady, Mrs Elspeth C — (name on file), a trained commercial artist, of Dellfield Close, Watford. Her statement to the local newspaper *(Watford Observer)* for December 7, 1979, was as follows:-

"It was quite dark — about 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, and as I went to shut the window of my dining-room, I noticed this very bright light above the house opposite. (I didn't switch on the lights in the dining-room.) Then I perceived that it was not one light, but three lights, all part of the same object.

"It was above the roof-level, but very low down, and it then came down right over my neighbour's roof — about level with the eaves — and hovered for a couple of seconds before making a vertical take-off. There was no sound from it except a soft humming noise as it went up.

"Although there were these three circles of brilliant white light, no beams of light shot out of it. The tubular part of the craft was a metallic purple.

"It was shorter than a bus, and larger than a small plane.

"What I want to know is whether there is any military explanation for what I saw.

"This was altogether too close for comfort. It was not a plane or a helicopter, because there was no noise. I am not claiming it was from Outer Space, and I think there may be some military explanation, but if there is one, I think we are entitled to know."

A hard-headed and practical Scot, this lady immediately sat down and drew what she had seen.

Police Sighting at Rickmansworth

The next event reported was during that same night, at 3.25 a.m., on Friday, November 30, 1979, and the observers were two Hertfordshire Police officers, Police-Constable Philip Moorcroft and Woman Police-Constable Anne-Louise Browne, who were sitting in their *Panda* patrol-car at Long Lane Roundabout, on the southern outskirts of Rickmansworth. The engine was switched off and the car windows were down. Suddenly they both saw a large bright circular light which seemed to be moving along at what they thought might be a height of 40 ft. or so. It hovered for about two minutes, and then moved off slowly and silently south-eastwards towards Harefield (a nearby village in Middlesex, famous for its hospital that does heart-transplants.)

Describing their sighting later to local journalists, the two witnesses said they had "open minds about UFOs". The affair had left them "very excited and curious", and Police-Woman Browne admitted: "I was absolutely terrified. It was so weird."

Seen by Police at Chorleywood

At the same time, two more policemen, P.C. Gary Mahoney and P.C. Mark Crampton, were a mile away to the north in another *Panda* patrol-car at Commongate Road, Chorleywood Bottom, Chorleywood, and they too saw the bright object moving through the sky.

A "Cigar" Over Rickmansworth

Later in the night, at 5.30 a.m., two more Police *Panda* cars were parked side by side, with their windows open, in Berry Lane, Mill End, to the south of Rickmansworth, and the officers in these two vehicles were discussing the earlier reported sightings when suddenly one of them, P.C. David Shepherd, spotted another object in the sky. He said:—

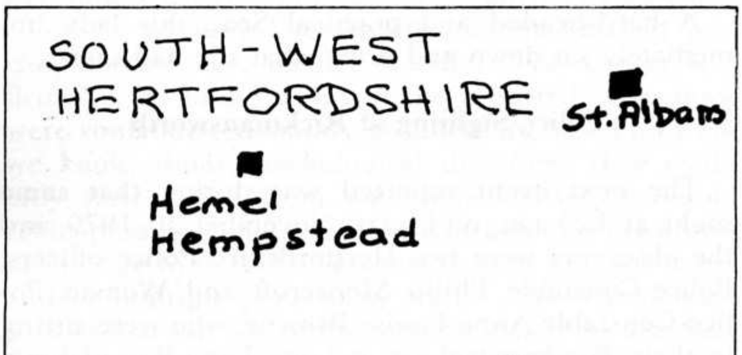
"I saw this cigar-shaped thing, with lights along its whole length. It had a single red-light which seemed to be pulsating, and two white lights above the main row of lights. At a guess I would say it was about 300 ft. from the ground. There was no noise from it at all. It moved away fairly slowly towards Oxhey, and in less than a minute it was out of sight. "We radioed into the Police Station because we thought it was clearly not an aircraft.

"Our report was taken very seriously, and passed on straight away.

"It was a very clear night, with no cloud".

RAF Headquarters, West Drayton, asked

The Royal Air Force Headquarters at nearby West Drayton, Middlesex, were contacted, and said that they had nothing on their radar.



Two "Cigars" Over Oxhey

Later on the same day, November 30, 1979, at about 7.15 p.m., Mr John Upson, of Hayling Road, South Oxhey, was called out by his wife, Violet, to see some strange hovering objects. He said:

"My wife and my sons, John, who is 34, and Kenneth, who is 29, and I, all stood outside on the road with binoculars, watching two UFOs.

"A woman who was passing, stopped, and with her we all watched them for about an hour. We only came in finally because it got so cold.

"Those two things hovered, then shot across the sky terribly fast — faster than any aircraft could travel, and seemed to spar with each other, as though they were having a game of hide-and-seek.

"They were cigar-shaped, with lights or lighted windows all along. They had a red, star-shaped light on top, and a green light underneath.

"As they moved towards each other, the lights would all go out, except for the red one.Then they would flash all their lights at each other.

"They circled the South Oxhey Estate, then went towards Chorleywood, and then in the direction of Bedmond. The sky was very clear, and one of the UFOs came down very low over the Estate. They moved at an incredible speed, and there was just no way that these could have been ordinary aircraft."

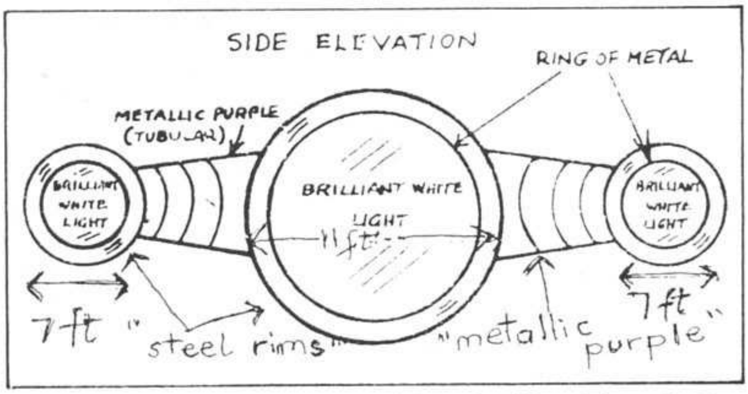
As we have stated, the report of these various sightings would appear in the *Watford Observer* only a week later (Friday, December 7, 1979.) There was consequently plenty of time for all the six Police witnesses to be interviewed by the Press. A press-conference was convened, and Mrs Florence Scott, a reporter for the Watford paper, tells us that she and other journalists were just going to the press-conference, when they were buttonholed by a senior Police Officer, who said very earnestly: *"Now I hope, Mrs Scott, that you folk aren't going to make fun of these policemen, because they are responsible men and women and trained observers, and they know very well what they saw and can describe it!".*

She assured the Officer that she, for one, had every intention of treating the matter fairly and seriously, and would not dream of "taking the mickey" out of the Policemen.

The interviews duly took place, and the Police told their various stories.

The Cover-up

As the Watford paper would not appear again before December 7, there was, however, also plenty of time for folk in other quarters to "put their thinking-

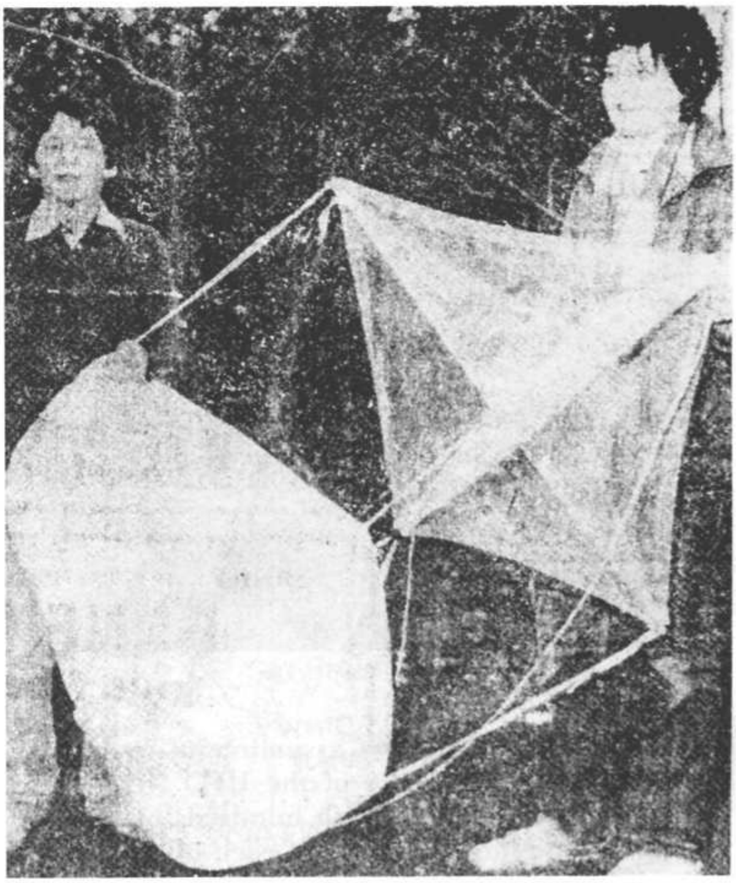


Sketch by Watford commercial artist Mrs. Elspeth C–.

caps on" and arrange a refutation. This was duly done, and it was announced that ALL HAD BEEN EXPLAINED! THE "UFO" HAD BEEN NOTHING OTHER THAN A SMALL WEATHER BALLOON WHICH (EXTRAORDINARILY CONVENIENTLY AS ONE MIGHT THINK), HAD JUST BEEN FOUND BY TWO CHILDREN, JONNY JACKSON, 13, AND HIS SISTER SALLY, 14, IN THEIR GARDEN AT HERONSGATE, CHORLEYWOOD. This explanation was added to the *Watford Observer's* account.

Police-Witnesses' Anger

We heard from Mrs Florence Scott, the journalist, and also, privately, from our own sources inside the Hertfordshire Police, that there was great indignation among the Police witnesses at the way in which they had been made to look so foolish. One of our informants inside the Police Force stated that it was the most blatant piece of lying and cover-up that he had ever come across. (This same Police source had already confirmed to me, on numerous occasions, that there is an official cover-up on UFOs.)



The two children with the "weather balloon".

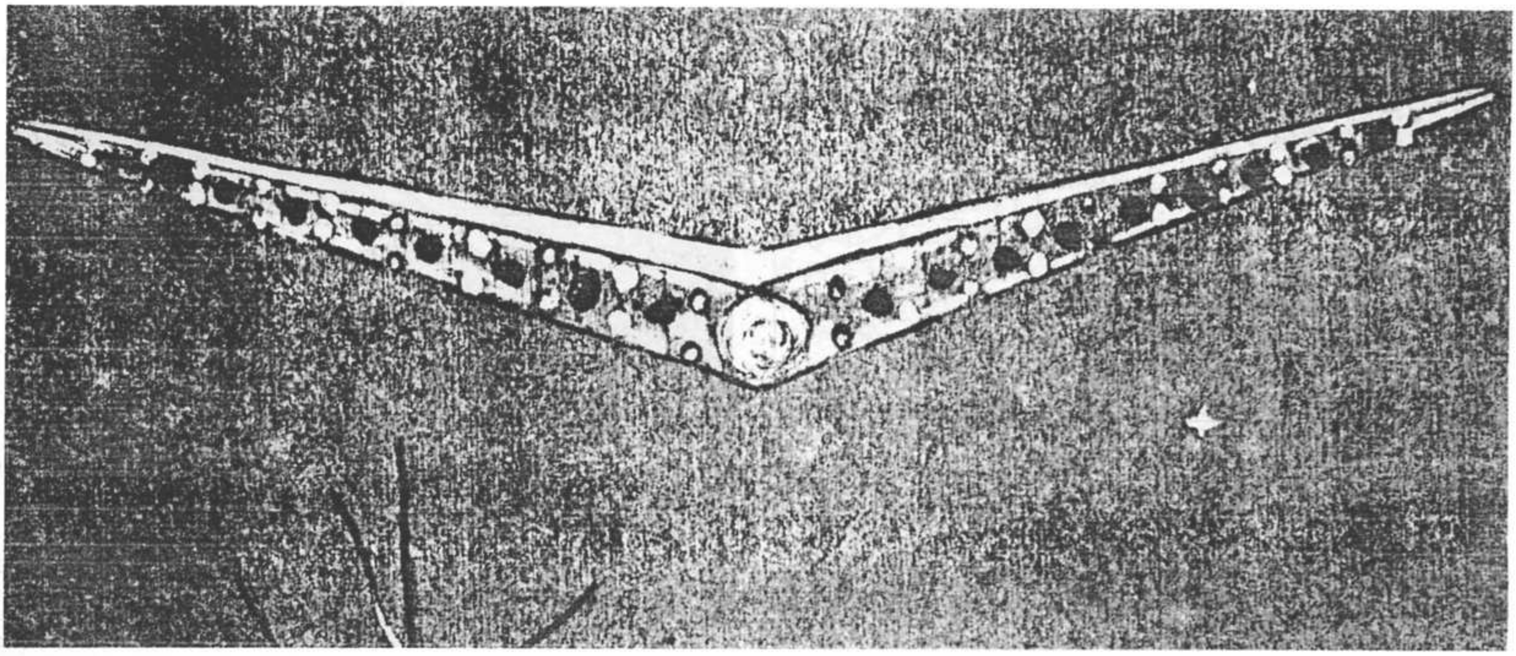
"BOOMERANG" OVER THREE COUNTIES: Part 1

Philip Imbrogno

Just a month after the APRO report* of the astonishing and extraordinary great craft seen in February 1983 over the southern American State of Alabama, comes this further amazing account, in two parts, for which we are indebted to Dr. J. Allen Hynek and the Editorial Board of his *International UFO Reporter,* in which it appeared in Volume 8 No.4 (July/August 1983) and Volume 8, No.5 (September/October 1983). This story is of an equally huge craft, though of entirely different shape, observed over many places in New York State in March 1983. Evidently enormous alien machines are here in considerable numbers. — EDITOR

It has been our experience that when UFO reports relating to an object seen by many people over a considerable span of time and over a wide area are investigated in depth, the result has been an IFO; Venus, the Goodyear Blimp, or a bright meteor have often been the culprits. Thus, when the present case first came to our attention, the initial response was to feel that it, too, must have a pedestrian explanation.

Here, however, we have a case which has failed to yield such an explanation. Mr. Imbrogno and his associates have done yeoman service to the Center, interviewing far more witnesses than are usually available for such work, and their work continues. To the present, Mr. Imbrogno has not found a plausible solu-



The "Boomerang" Craft.

tion to these many reports, assuming, of course, that the features and dynamics of the UFO were, in the main, correctly reported. With hundreds of witnesses involved, quite independently of each other, it would in itself be a remarkable event should none of them have reported a pedestrian event, if indeed it had been that.

If any of our readers can provide us with a viable and demonstrable solution to this widely witnessed event, we would be most anxious to have it submitted.

This report deals with widely reported sightings on three nights of March, 1983, in areas of Westchester, Putnam, and Fairfield counties in New York and Connecticut, although similar sightings were made in those and other adjacent areas, to a lesser extent, in that general time period. The location of the viewers on March 24 are shown on the accompanying map. The report strongly suggests that the UFO was sequentially sighted along a circulatory flight path centered in points in those counties, although the presence of more than one object is not ruled out.

In a nutshell, there is general agreement among the percipients that the object was large (100-200 feet) and boomerang-shaped (sometimes reported as triangular, a deviation which might be attributed to different angles and distances of viewing). It carried a large complement of red, white, green, and blue lights, plus one large amber light, centrally located. The object cruised slowly, silently or with a low buzz or hum, remarkably near to the ground (estimates vary from 60 to 500 feet) but also sometimes hovered for as long as one or two minutes before it moved on. Some witnesses said they were within 100 to 200 feet of the UFO.

Following are individual summaries of sightings on the night of March 24, and a few from the nights of March 17 and 26th.

MARCH 24

Yorktown, New York, 7pm: At least 100 residents, including police officers, sight a large Boomerang or V-shaped object with rows of white, green and red lights heading north-east. A faint humming sound is heard. The object is 200 feet or greater from wing to wing; moving slowly towards Jefferson Valley, New York.

Mount Kisco, New York, 9:10pm (approx.): Ten witnesses report a large colourful object about 500 feet over Route 1-684. People stop their cars on highway to get a look and nearly cause multiple accidents. One observer notes that as the object comes directly over his car at a height of 300 feet he sees a pattern of very bright (he has to shield his eyes) red, greenish blue, and white lights in a very wide V-shaped pattern. He hears a very faint humming sound as the object passes less than 300 feet above his car. Another witness clocks object's speed at 35 mph.

Mahopec, New York, 9–9:20pm: A large boomerang-shaped object approximately 150 feet across, with 30 or more rows of greenish-blue and white lights on its wings is seen hovering over Taconic highway by hundreds (75 actual reports submitted). A police officer reports that he got right under the object and then heard a slight humming sound. Thirty more witnesses later report an object hovering over a lake off Route 6 for several minutes and then slowly heading north.

New Castle, New York, 9:10pm: A boomerang-shaped object the size of a 747, with red, blue, green and with a white light in the centre, hovers 100 feet over a field for about two minutes, then rises vertically about 200 feet and heads towards Yorktown, New York.

Yorktown, New York, Approx 9pm: At least 50 people report the same object as before, now heading east, very low, very large, with no sound, but hovering

at times over Taconic Parkway, stopping traffic.

Brewster, New York, Approx. 10pm: Many families living around Route 1-84 report a large triangle-shaped object with bright white lights hovering over the area and then slowly moving north-east. Witnesses report hearing a soft buzzing noise similar to an electric can opener.

MARCH 17

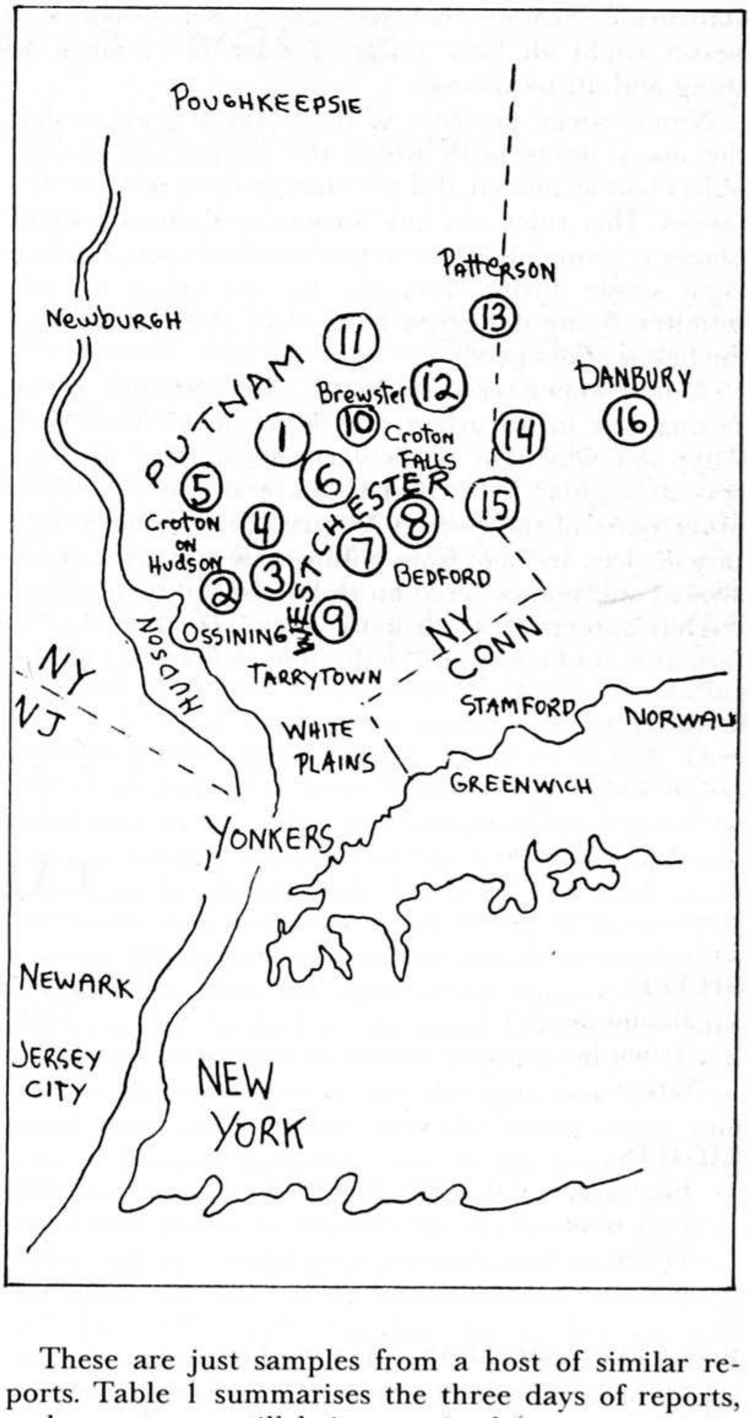
Brewster, New York, 8:30–9:15pm: Twenty-five local residents near Route 1-84 see a large boomerang-shaped object approximately 130 feet above the ground, moving slowly north-east, and approximately 100 feet across. (Ed note: One of these figures must be wrong; simple trigonometry shows that if both the 130 and 100 feet figures are correct the object would subtend an angle of 37 degrees, thus stretching across better than one-third of the sky! Witness estimates of sizes, and especially heights above ground are of little value unless it is also stated how they are estimated.) The object is seen hovering, and then making sharp turns. Several witnesses report that the object slowly passes over their houses; two report the object hovering over their backyard, less than 60 feet above the ground, then shooting a brilliant white light towards the ground. No sound, or at best, a faint humming sound heard.

Mahopec Lake, New York, 10:15pm: Six witnesses report seeing a large boomerang-shaped object hovering low over a reservoir on the town line. The object then tips from a horizontal position to vertical, with the apex of the boomerang pointing toward the water. As it slowly moves northward, all the lights blink out and the object is gone.

MARCH 26

Mahopec, New York, 9pm: Twenty observers, independent of each other, see a large boomerang-shaped object, with varicoloured lights on its wings and with a large amber light in the centre casting a beam of white light ahead. The object is first seen hovering over a large lake off Route 6. One observer reports noting a very dark metallic-like grey metal rod or rods connecting the lights.

Near Poughkeepsie, New York, 10:45pm: The State Police receive the first of 25 calls within 30 minutes from area residents describing an object similar to that described above. The police did not record calls in their log or take names of callers since they felt people were reporting nothing more than aircraft flying in formation. One State Trooper reports that while on patrol on the Taconic highway near Pleasant Valley (2 miles east of Poughkeepsie) he notes the object heading north at about 40 mph. He follows it for about 10 miles before it turns abruptly to the east, and he loses it as it starts to pick up speed (about 100 mph).



These are just samples from a host of similar reports. Table 1 summarises the three days of reports, and reports are still being received (at present writing) and investigated. To date, a round-up of reports reveals the following:

EDITORIAL COMMENT

(Dr. Hynek)

This case cries out for a natural solution on the basis of previous experience; UFOs just do not generally appear to hundreds of witnesses in adjacent towns for appreciable lengths of time, and then give "repeat" performances. No suggestions so far put forth, however, meet the *reported* facts. With hundreds of witnesses, largely independent of each other, it seems

statistically remote that so many independent witnesses could all have reported essentially the same thing and all be wrong!

Ninety-seven per cent of the witnesses stated that the many lights, with which the boomerang-shaped object was festooned, did not change their relative distances. This rules out any formation flying by small planes cruising about for a quarter of an hour, making right angle turns, hovering for as much as two minutes, flying dangerously close to the ground, and far below stall speed.

A new super-secret military craft? Strange to be testing one in an urban area so close to New York City, and why that particular geographical area on several nights? Why hasn't this craft been seen in other parts of the country? Usually, new, secret military devices are kept from public view and are demonstrated and manoeuvred on restricted military ranges.

Helicopters? It's virtually inconceivable that a formation of helicopters could maintain a rigid formation for 20 minutes and fly that close to the ground making only a faint humming sound. Yet these are the only craft that could hover without crashing.

A blimp like the Goodyear craft? The boomerang shape is hard to reconcile with this idea, and the relatively slow speed of this boomerang craft would be too great for a blimp. It is also highly improbable that a blimp would safely fly so low to the ground.

Apart from these difficulties, we have the testimony of technical personnel well acquainted with aircraft who have reported that they had never seen anything like this reported craft. Finally, the FAA stoutly maintains that there were no normal aircraft aloft in these areas at the times in question.

What then? If any reader knows what this boomerang craft might have been, something which satisfies the conditions of slow speed, hovering, essential noiselessness, low altitude and fixed positions of lights, we should be most pleased to have him solve this mystery for us.

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TABLE 1

SHAPE:	
Boomerang	90%
Triangle	9%
Other	1%
LIGHTS:	
Blue-green, red, white or amber	85%
Red, blue	5%
White	5%
Not sure	5%
RELATIVE MOTION OF LIGHTS:	
Shifting relative position	
NO	97%
YES	3%
SIZE:	
Over 100 feet	60%
Over 300 feet	35%
Over 900 feet	5%
SPEED:	
Very slow	90%
Very fast	5%
Slow, then fast	5%
DISTANCE FROM OBSERVERS:	
Within 500 feet	80%
Over 500 feet	15%
Not sure	5%
MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE:	
Went below horizon	75%
Blinked out and was gone	20%
Just disappeared	5%
PERSONAL REACTIONS:	
None	85%
Some psychic connection	10%
Not sure	5%
(3% reported animal reactions)	
SOUND:	
Buzzing or humming	65%
No sound	30%
Don't remember	5%
DURATION OF SIGHTING:	
10-20 minutes	95%
Less than 10 minutes	5%
MOTION:	
Smooth and straight	60%
Right angle turns, sudden stops	40%
HOVERING:	
Yes	80%
No	20%

"BOOMERANG" UPDATE: Part 2

by Philip Imbrogno, George Lesnick and Chris Clark

The "Boomerang"-shaped UFO described in the last issue continues to be a growing mystery. Investigation is in progress by the three authors of the present paper and by an investigative reporter, Ed Walzer, of the *Reporter Dispatch,* Kisco, New York, who is conducting a parallel co-operative investigation. Although a part of the mystery has been solved . . . in some cases a group of pilots were apparently deliberately conducting close flight formations in small planes to confuse the issue . . . there is as yet no explanation for the slow-moving, silent, and at times hovering "Boomerang". Yet, just because so many people have been witness to this object leads one to think that it would prove to have a natural explanation as some man-made device. But what? And who?

In the last issue of this Journal, we were able to give a quick summary of some very spectacular sightings that had been taking place just to the north of New York City and into Connecticut. Investigations have continued and it now seems clear that no one has been able to come up with an explanation for the large, hovering, and slow-moving boomerang-shaped object which was also reported, generally, as noiseless.

The large amount of local publicity these sightings received caused, as would be expected, many people in the sighting area to go out looking for UFOs and naturally they reported everything from aircraft to the planet Venus. To make things worse, a number of people did see three small aircraft flying in formation from the Stormville Airport in Duchess County.

On July 14, I staked out the area of Stormville Airport, and verified that some of the reports were the result of these planes flying in formation. Apparently, a number of the pilots and staff connected with the airport were deliberately doing a little leg-pulling, and, my appearance for several hours at the airport didn't please them too much. I knew then that part of the mystery was solved, but this formation flying *cannot explain the bulk of the March reports* described in the last issue. This will be clear from the results of our continuing investigation. (Ed. note: There is so much material now available that we cannot publish it all at once. We will have to use the "continued in our next" technique reminiscent of the old mystery thriller magazines!)

Our investigations have revealed that the boomerang UFO may have made its first appearance as far back as 1980. At this time witnesses reported a boomerang or chevron-shaped object moving slowly and hovering at low altitudes. Witnesses were few and the sightings were restricted to the back country of Westchester and Putnam counties. The object was never reported on successive nights and there were no collaborating witnesses.

It was not until February, 1983, that the object made its first grand entrance, so to speak. The first well documented encounter with this object occurred on Feb. 26 at Lake Carmel, New York.

Monique O'Driscoll and her 17-year-old daughter, also named Monique, were driving home from her mother's house at about 8:30pm. The night was clear and very cold. Mrs. O'Driscoll's daughter was staring out of the window when she noticed a large group of multi-coloured lights coming up over a hill. They both watched as a large boomerang-shaped object with rows of red, blue and yellow lights topped the hill and headed south at tree-top level. They followed the object for about a mile. It was off to the left about 200 yards away and only about 70 feet in the air. The younger Monique then said that it must be headed for White Pond. They lost sight of the object because of the trees, but headed for the pond. On the way, Mrs. O'Driscoll wondered what they might find. There was no one else on the road and the area was quite isolated. Sure enough, they saw the object again and Mrs. O'Driscoll parked her car. It was hovering over the pond less than 200 feet from the shore and no more than 50 feet in the air. "The lights were unbelievable and you could see them reflected in the ice on the pond. The back of the object seemed to be facing us." Mrs. O'Driscoll then got out of her car and started walking toward the lake, while her daughter screamed for her mother to come back. The object then slowly turned to face them. Blue, amber, white, and red lights numbering about 20 in all began flashing in sequence from left to right across the wings of this unknown object. The object then glided silently towards them. This silence, they told me, was the strangest part of all.

Monique continued yelling for her mother to get back in the car. Mrs. O'Driscoll called back that she was coming. She also told her daughter not to turn off the engine, since she was afraid that it wouldn't start again. The object was still moving slowly towards them. It then banked to the west and floated slowly away in that direction.

Mrs. O'Driscoll jumped back into the car and got on her CB radio, trying to call for someone else to see this thing. All she got was static. She then looked up and saw the object heading for Gypsy Trails Road.

She stepped on the gas, determined to see the object again. She had read about UFOs and knew that this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. She caught up with the object half a mile from the pond over a field. It was hovering 30 feet above a field. She got out of her car and walked toward the object until she was almost underneath it. Looking up. Mrs. O'Driscoll saw one large, massive, sold metal object. It was grey in colour with long tubular metal areas and heavy-duty grill work. She also saw what appeared to be circular mechanisms attached to the grill network.

She then ran back to the car as the object moved slowly towards the pond area. As she followed (her car speed was 25 mph), the object, which was no more than 300 yards ahead, suddenly blinked out. "All the lights just went out and I could not see it anymore", said Mrs. O'Driscoll. The object was gone. According to both mother and daughter, there was no way it could have moved out of sight. The object just vanished. A Mrs. Rita Rivera also saw the object at the pond, but was farther down the road. She verified Mrs. O'Driscoll's story. According to my calculations, the object they saw was about 150 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip.

As far as we know, the object was not sighted again until March 17th. On this date, between the hours of 7 and 10pm. EST, it was seen by hundreds of people in the north-eastern section of Putnam County moving slowly and hovering over Interstate 84, in the Brewster, New York area. Traffic jams resulted on this and other major highways in the area. This generated hundreds of UFO reports to the police in the area. Although there were quite a few reports on this date, the most incredible sighting comes from Dennis Sant of Brewster, New York. Mr Sant is in his mid-thirties. He is a Putnam County clerk and lives in the area of Brewster road with his two children, ages 6 and 9. The sighting was at about 8:30pm. It was a night the entire family will remember for quite a while.

He and his family were coming home from church on March 17th. As they turned down their road, they could see from their van an object hovering close to their home. It was in the north-west and about 160 feet in the air. The object was very large with multi-coloured lights, "like a city in the sky". As they got closer to their home, they lost sight of the object behind some trees. When they emerged from the obstructed area, the object was gone. Sant thought, "Given the time behind the trees and the size of the object, it should still have been visible. It should still have been there, but the object was gone." They reached their home and went inside, thinking the incident was over.

Sant was in his home less than a minute when he felt a pressure in his stomach similar to the sensation of riding in a fast elevator. He then had an impulse to go outside. As he walked out his front door, which is very close to the 1-84, and looked in that direction, he saw a large boomerang-shaped object hovering silently over the highway. The object had red, white, green and blue lights on its wings with a large white or amber light in the middle.

He noticed that most of the traffic had stopped. People were getting out of their cars and looking at the strange object. After watching it for about a minute, he wished he could get a better look. As soon as he finished thinking this, the object made a sharp turn and headed directly for his home. The object slowly lost altitude and hovered about 30 feet from him. At this moment, the object was no more than 100 feet in the air.

Using a telephone pole as a reference point, Sant estimated that the object was about 80 feet high and over 200 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip. Sant said, "It was so large it covered the sky in front of me."

The object hovered for about a minute, then started slowly drifting towards Sant's backyard. He ran toward the object. It was moving so slowly that he was able to jog underneath it as it headed for his backyard, which is several acres large. The object at this time was just above the trees, no more than 70 feet in the air, and he looked straight up at it. He saw a dark, grey metallic structure, but the lights were so bright that he could not get a good look at it.

When the object reached the centre of the yard it stopped, and Sant backed away from under. He said, "I thought it was getting ready to land." As he moved back towards his home, he noticed his children and father (who lives with him) looking at the entire spectacle. Then, looking back over his shoulder at the object, he saw it shoot down a brilliant beam of light that illuminated the entire ground beneath it. His children started screaming, "Daddy, come back." Sant headed toward the back door, still looking at the object and the brilliant beam of light that seemed to come from underneath the object. The beam lasted about fifteen to thirty seconds in all; then it went out. The object then headed slowly towards the north, now making a very faint humming sound.

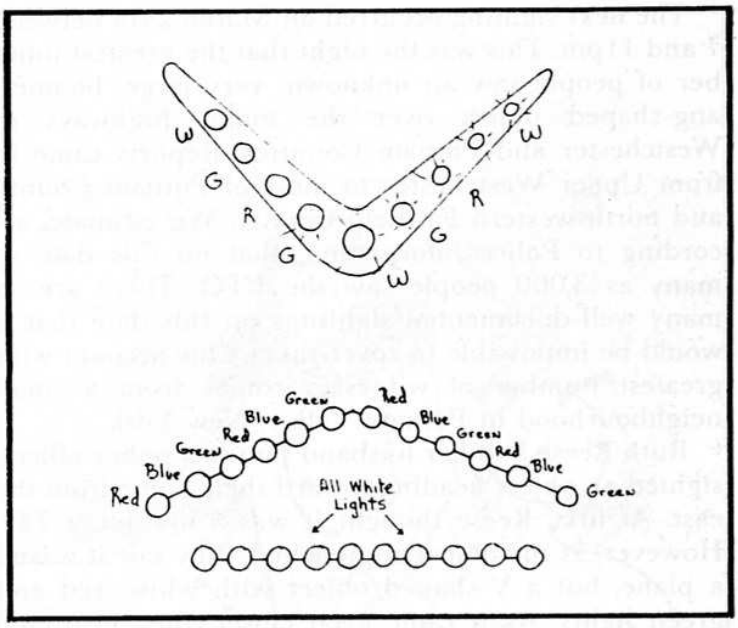
The story was corroborated by Sant's family and several neighbours who witnessed his incredible encounter. Also, it must be noted that reports were received by people driving on 1-84. During this time hundreds of more sightings were reported to police from residents in Carmel, Brewster, Mahopac, Kent, and Pawling, New York, in Putnam County. Sightings also came to my attention later in Fairfield County which is about ten miles east of Brewster.

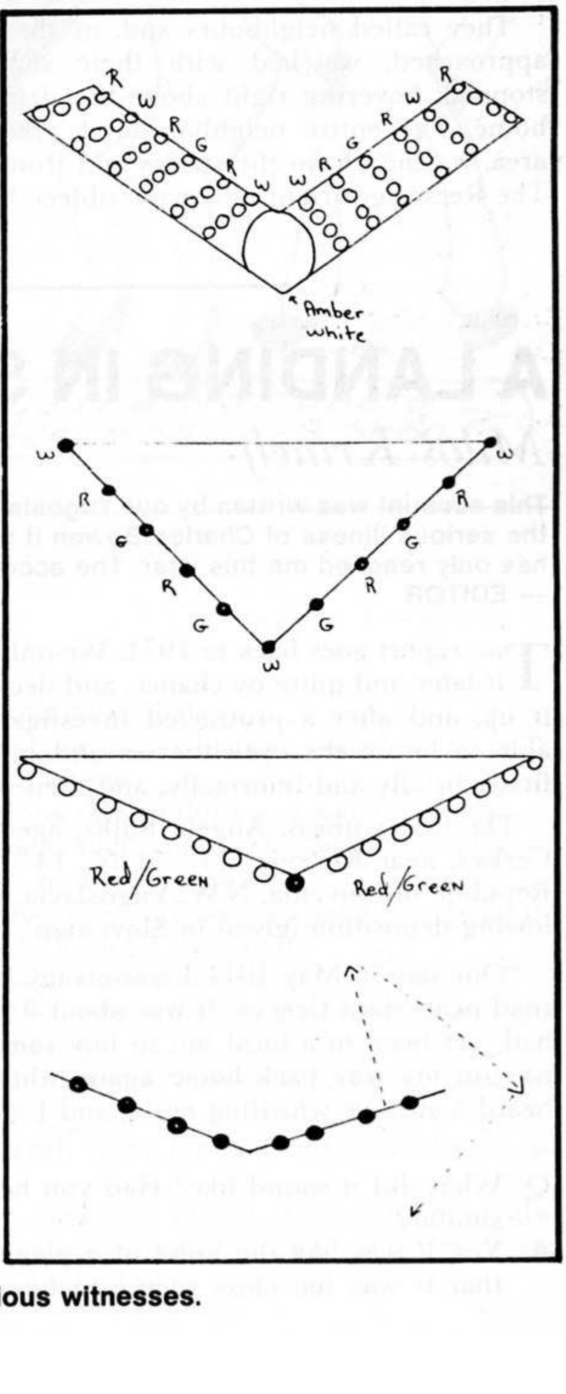
Also on March 17 at about 7:30pm, Joan Lindauver, a secretary at GTE Inc., White Plains, New York, left work after a late corporate meeting. Driving north on Route 120, she noticed a brilliant object with rows of white lights off to her left pacing her car. She thought at first that it was a plane coming in for a

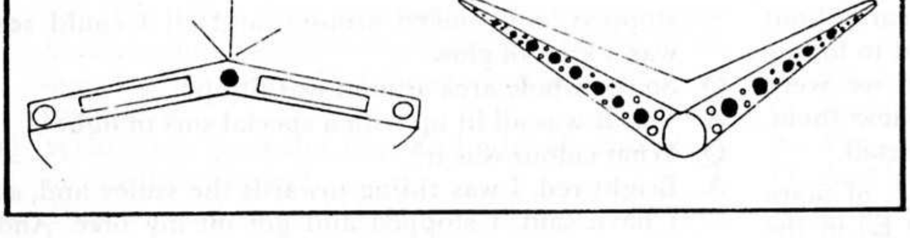
landing at Westchester county airport, which is close by. The object was keeping pace with her car and she realised that it was no plane. The object seemed to be gliding noiselessly just above the trees. She became frightened since the road was dark and her car was the only one on the road at the time. When she stopped for a red light at the intersection of Routes 100 and 120 in Millwood, (Westchester County) the object moved to the front of her, hovering above the light, just 30 feet from her car and about 50 feet in the air. When the light turned green, she made a left turn and headed to her home in Croton, the object following for about a mile at a much higher altitude. It then made a sharp turn and headed north where it was spotted in Yorktown, New York, at about 8:00pm.

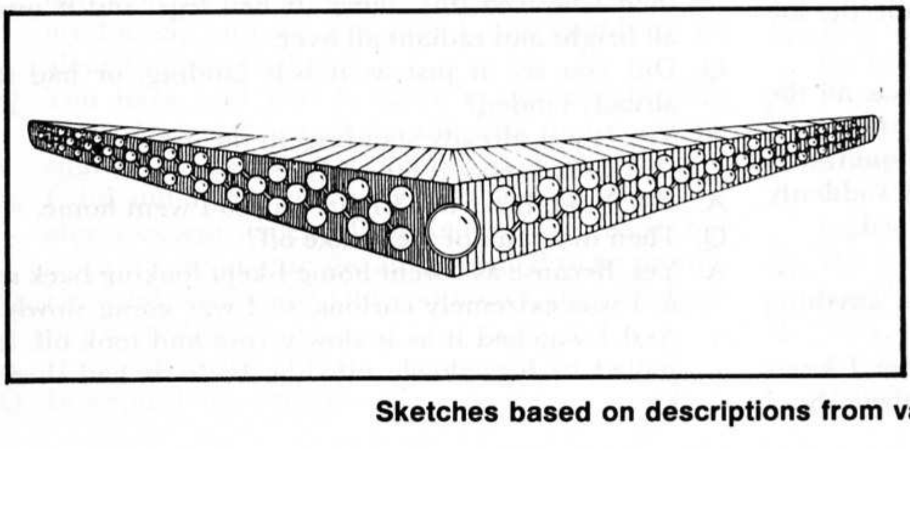
The story was verified by people who live in the area of Millwood and by workers at a gas station 300 yards from the intersection. Also unknown to Joan was that a fellow worker and friend who lives in the Yorktown area saw the object after it left the Millwood area. Also, many residents between Millwood and Yorktown, at about 8:00pm, reported a UFO to the police. Joan described the object as a 'V' or boomerang-shaped object with eight to ten lights on it. She noticed no sound and could make out no details besides the lights, which were very bright. This sighting was about an hour before the Sant sighting in Brewster.

Chris Clark and Philip Imbrogǹo drove over the route of the sighting area at night. It is a lonely road. The intersection of routes 120 and 100 in Millwood is populated and the red light there takes 22 seconds, so the object hovered for at least this long.









Sketches based on descriptions from various witnesses.

The next sighting occurred on March 24th between 7 and 11pm. This was the night that the greatest number of people saw an unknown, very large, boomerang-shaped object over the major highways in Westchester and Putnam Counties. Reports came in from Upper Westchester to most of Putnam County and north-western Fairfield County. We estimate, according to Police information, that on this date as many as 3,000 people saw the UFO. There are so many well-documented sightings on this date that it would be impossible to cover them. One account with greatest number of witnesses comes from a small neighbourhood in Putnam Valley, New York.

Ruth Reese and her husband James, a police officer, sighted an object heading toward their home from the east. At first, Reese thought it was a low jet, a 747. However, as the object approached, they saw it wasn't a plane, but a V-shaped object with white, red and green lights. As it came even closer, they heard no sound.

They called neighbours and, as the object slowly approached, watched with their son. The object stopped, hovering right above the driveway of their home. The entire neighbourhood, which is a circle area, watched from the streets and from their houses. The Reeses got right under the object, but could only see the lights around some massive dark structure. They estimate the object was about 100 feet in the air and about 120 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip. After hovering 10 minutes, it flew over the entire neighbourhood, flashing a bright bluish light from somewhere under the object, similar to a camera flash. It gave the residents the impression that the object was taking pictures or looking for something. The object displayed this behaviour for 45 minutes, then slowly left the area.

During the sighting, Mrs. Reese called the local police. She was told no one could be sent since they were all out chasing UFOs and an officer was not available at the time.

About 20 people saw the object with the Reeses. George Lesnich and Philip Imbrogno interviewed 10 of them.

The next series of sightings occurred on March 31, followed by sightings during the first two weeks of April. From mid-April to June 15, no sightings were reported. But, from June 15 until July 15 sightings once again occurred. The latter were proven by us to be nothing more than aircraft in formation.

* See FSR Vol. 30, No. 2: *A Huge UFO Over Alabama.*

A LANDING IN SLOVENIA

Miloš Krmelj

This account was written by our Yugoslavian correspondent in 1977 and sent to FSR in due course, but owing to the serious illness of Charles Bowen it was among a great deal of material which got stuck in the pipeline and has only reached me this year. The accompanying sketches supplied by Mr. Krmelj seem to have disappeared. — EDITOR

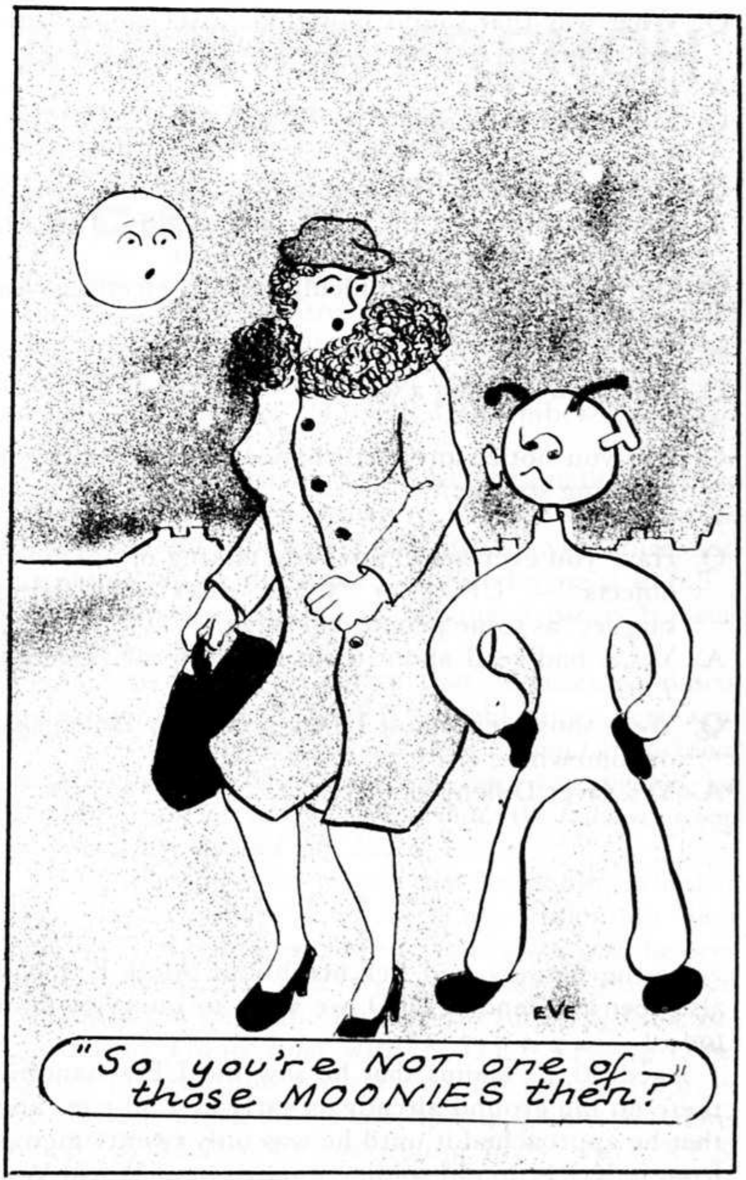
THIS report goes back to 1971. We only heard about it later and quite by chance, and decided to follow it up, and after a protracted investigation we were able to locate the eyewitnesses and interview them, firstly briefly and informally, and then in detail.

The first witness, Angela Rajhs, aged 17, of Stara Cerkva, near Kočevje (45° 51 N., 14° 50 E.) in the Republic of Slovenia, N.W. Yugoslavia, made the following deposition (given in Slovenian).

"One day in May 1971 I was on my bicycle on the road near Stara Cerkva. It was about 8.00 p.m., and I had just been to a local inn to buy some liquor, and was on my way back home again, when I suddenly heard a strange whistling noise, and I stopped.

Q. What did it sound like? Had you heard anything similar?
A. Yes, it was like the noise of a plane. But I knew that it was too close to me to be a plane. So I stopped, and looked around, and all I could see was a kind of glow.
Q. So the whole area around was lit up?
A. Yes. It was all lit up with a special sort of light.[1]
Q. What colour was it?
A. Bright red. I was riding towards the valley and, as I have said, I stopped and got off my bike. And then I noticed this *'thing'*. It had legs, and it was all bright and radiant all over.
Q. Did you see it just as it was landing, or had it already landed?
A. Yes. It was already standing on the ground.
Q. Did you observe it for a long time?
A. Yes, I did. But I was frightened, so I went home.
Q. Then did you not see it take off?
A. Yes. Because as I went home I kept looking back at it. I was extremely curious, so I was going slowly. And I watched it as it slowly rose and took off. It pulled its legs slowly into the body. It had three legs.

Q. Tell us again — what colour was the object?
A. Red!
Q. Did it have any windows or such-like?
A. Yes, I particularly remember one feature — a yellow area in the middle of it. And at the ends of its landing legs I could see some round appendages that were also shining.
Q. Who else saw it besides you?
A. My neighbour Mr. Krž, and my Mother.
Q. How did your Mother describe what she saw?
A. She said she just saw a red ball flying towards Cŕni Vrh, a hill near our home.
Q. And when did you say this was?
A. I think it was in May — to be more precise early in May, in 1971, between 8.00 and 8.30 p.m.
Q. How big was it?
A. I should say it was about 7-10 metres long.
Q. And what was its shape?
A. My main impression was that it was like a gigantic egg, or an ellipse, standing on three legs.
Q. Was it higher than you?[2]
A. Oh yes, of course it was.
Q. Twice as high as you?
A. No, I should say three times as high. It was very big. I was viewing it from the road.[3]
Q. And were its legs very long?
A. No.
Q. Were they about a metre or so in length?
A. Yes, I should say about a metre or so.
Q. Where precisely were you at the moment when you caught sight of it?
A. Behind the hill.
Q. Then you were able to see the phenomenon from behind both hills?
A. Yes, you could see the glow coming up from behind the hills. Then of course I went over to have a look at it.[4]
Q. Were there any traces there after it had gone?
A. Yes. For more than two weeks there were some holes in the ground there, about 15-20cms. in diameter. They were all of the same depth. The grass was burnt.
Q. What were the holes like? Cylindrical, conical, or just ordinary holes?
A. They seemed to be like holes that had been dug, but a bit more pointed. ... I had to search[5] for my bicycle and for a month I was unable to go alone to Stara Cerkva.
Q. You have said that it made a sort of whistling noise. Did you hear it for the first time near the church that stands near there?
A. I did not notice anything exceptional about the object except its legs. It looked oval in shape, but when it rose up into the air it seemed to be round.
Q. How did it take off? Did you notice any peculiarities in its flight?
A. It was revolving at first.
Q. In a spiral movement?



A. Yes, something like that.
Q. And it was emitting a whistling noise?
A. Yes — all the time.
Q. And how long do you think you watched it for?
A. I don't remember very well. Some minutes — maybe two, or four or even five.
Q. Was the glow coming from one particular point on the object or from all parts of it?
A. From the whole of its surface.
Q. Could you see where the legs had been after it had drawn them in?
A. No. Then it looked as though it had never had any legs.
Q. Do you recall what the weather was like at the time?
A. Very nice, cool, and cloudy. Our neighbour also saw it, and so did his brother too. And they heard that strange sound too.

Q. What was that sound most like, a jet or an ordinary plane?
A. I would say a jet.
Q. Like a sort of whistle?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you smell anything strange?
A. No. But there was the effect of that glow. I felt it, as a kind of burning, or even like heat.
Q. Did you notice any difficulties with electricity in the area?
A. No.
Q. Were you wearing a watch?
A. Yes.
Q. Did you notice any disturbance to your watch, or anything strange?
A. No.
Q. Have you ever heard anybody talking of unknown objects — UFOs, or "flying discs" or "flying saucers" as some people call them?
A. Yes. I had read about them in the local *Dolenjski List.*[6]
Q. Were those reports of UFOs seen over Dolenjska, or somewhere else?
A. Yes. Over Dolenjska.

* * * *

As the witness said her neighbour Alojz Krž had also seen the landed UFO, we went to interview him too.

Aged 50, he claims that he saw the UFO standing there on the ground already as early as 7.30 p.m., and that he approached it until he was only twenty metres from it. Krž is an old soldier, a partisan of World War II. He is now employed as a *revizor*[7] in Kočevje. Although he had been 20 metres from the UFO, he was emphatic that the landing-legs were not "round," but *triangular* in their cross-section. He admitted that he had never been so frightened in his life as he was on that day in May 1971.

Conclusions

Both the principal witnesses, as well as the others who saw the object in flight agree in their accounts of its movements, and the two of them saw it on the ground. The descriptions tally. The times of the sightings by the girl Angela and her neighbour Mr. Krž do not quite coincide but are very close indeed.

Both eyewitnesses reported the matter to the local Police, who however merely laughed at them, so after that they kept quiet and did not talk about what they had seen.

On the following day, Angela went with her parents to look at the marks again. Fearing possible dangerous radiation, none of them ventured too close.

The soil in that particular field was hard and heavy. The holes, being some 15-20 cms in diameter, would have needed something weighing from ten to fifteen tons to make them.

Finally, we would only observe that it is a great pity that the case did not come to our knowledge until after the holes had filled up again. However, it strikes us all the same as indubitably the product of an alien technology.

Notes & References

1. The valley is a small one, lying at the end of a meadow, and the land is fenced and there are high tension lines installed across it. (Author)
2. Presumably the witness would have been a girl about eleven years old at the time (May 1971). (G.C.)
3. To judge by this description, the object must have been some 3 m. high. (Author). (This seems too little and an error may have crept in here. G.C.)
4. The eyewitness does not seem to have said how close she got to it. (G.C.)
5. One may suspect an error in translation here, or an omission of some part of the story? (G.C.)
6. Name of a local country newspaper. (Author).
7. *Inspector* (G.C.)

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LANDED OBJECT SEEN NEAR STONEHENGE?

According to an account in the Hertfordshire newspaper, *The Biggleswade Chronicle,* for Friday, August 10, 1984, a local family named Waistell who live at Potton were returning home by car after their summer vacation when, as they were on the A303 highway near Stonehenge, they had the shock of their lives as they watched the whole sky turn a dark golden colour.

Two large, bright orange and gold spheres appeared from over the horizon, then two more appeared beneath these, and then two more at the sides. Said Mrs. Ruth Waistell: "It was absolutely fantastic. We had never seen anything like it before".

Their youngest son, Martin, aged 11, was reported to be still in a state of shock and refusing to go out alone, after what happened next. This was the appearance of a 'moving star', which appeared soon after the sky had turned golden. Martin watched it change colour, first from white to red, and then to green.

Further along the A303, as they headed towards London, the family saw other things. Just after 11.00 p.m., Mrs. Waistell caught sight of what seemed to be a large dome-shaped object standing in a field, just before a road-sign pointing off to Quarley.

Flashing

The object — the size of a house — seemed to have many 'windows' from which was streaming forth a bright yellow-golden light. They turned round and drove back to take another look at it, but by then they found the field was empty.

Further along the A303, Martin again caught sight of the 'star' moving across the sky. It was still flashing and changing colour, and increasing in size, until finally it split into two bright yellow 'stars'. These then re-combined once more, turning first to red, then to white, before finally vanishing.

However, Mr. Waistell was the next member of the party to spot something strange in the sky. Martin seized the binoculars and observed 'a strangely shaped object with lighted windows'. According to his mother this again split into two white lights, which turned red as before and then dashed away across the sky at an unbelievable speed.

It was now past midnight, and the sightings had lasted for more than one hour. The Waistell family reported their experience to the authorities and, according to the *Biggleswade Chronicle,* 'the Ministry of Defence is investigating their claims'.

ANOTHER FRENCH REPORT ON G.E.P.A.N.

Under the title of *E Finita La Comedia,* Dr Jean-Pierre Petit, Maître de Recherche at the CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research) has published a biting account of G.E.P.A.N. in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* No. 245/246 (November/December 1984).

Much of the article refers to personalities whose names would not be known to FSR's readers outside of France, and is of a generally discursive nature, and we cannot spare the space for reproducing it in full. I therefore confine myself to making a précis translation of the main points.

Dr Petit begins by saying that Monsieur Velasco, the present Head of G.E.P.A.N., told him a year ago: *"We are collecting UFO reports, but we don't know what to do with them. Once a case has been investigated, we publish a note on it, and that is that. We have no scientific structure behind G.E.P.A.N."*

Petit then goes on to say that he doubts whether there had in fact *ever been* any intention that G.E.P.A.N. should engage in serious work, and he proceeds to recall that, at a large gathering in Studio 105 of La Maison de Radio in Paris on June 12, 1984, organized by *France-Inter,* with the G.E.P.A.N. representatives present, plus no less than 55 journalists from the French press, Monsieur Metzle, public relations officer of G.E.P.A.N.'s controlling body, the C.N.E.S. (French Space Exploration Agency, based in Toulouse) let the cat out of the bag seriously when he made the following extraordinary admission:—

> *"In 1977, it was necessary to tranquilize public opinion concerning the UFO phenomenon. And it was in that spirit that G.E.P.A.N. was created."*

"Which I interpret to mean" — continues Petit — *"that G.E.P.A.N. was simply a tranquilizer."*

And he goes on: "You may rest assured at present that there is nothing more to be expected from this organization, which is in any case moribund. Credits cut to 200,000 Francs per annum (which is virtually nothing, when you realize what the C.N.E.S.'s norms are). In Toulouse a staff of just two persons, Velasco and one girl secretary, their job being to receive the Gendarmerie reports and other documentation.

"Though recently promoted to be a 'house engineer', Velasco started out with only a technical college diploma in Optics, and his scientific knowledge is slight, not to say indeed non-existent.

"When they are interviewed, G.E.P.A.N. put on a show of collaboration with scientific organizations. But — let us be blunt about it — that's all hogwash, total hogwash. It's just pure bluff."

G.C.

"ALIEN LIFE IN OUR GALAXY"

Writing in the *Daily Telegraph* on Friday, November 2, 1984, Adrian Berry, their Science Correspondent, reported statements by Miss Heather Couper, the first woman president of the British Astronomical Association.*

"UFOs do not exist, and people who believe in little green men from the stars are 'just dotty'."

That is the firm opinion of the first woman president of the British Astronomical Association, Miss Heather Couper.

But Miss Couper, 35, who has the difficult task of succeeding Patrick Moore as leader of the 94-year-old Association, does believe advanced intelligent alien life exists in our Milky Way Galaxy.

"There's no scientific evidence for it yet, I admit, but I feel emotionally that it's likely to exist out there," she told me yesterday.

"I'm not convinced by the current argument of some astronomers that the reason we have detected no signs of alien technology and that no aliens have visited us is because they do not exist.

Counter argument

"I would suggest a counter-argument. If the Galaxy contains a large number of alien civilisations, then why should they trouble to visit an ordinary, commonplace solar system like ours?

"I very much approve of the current radio searches for possible alien civilisations being carried out in America and elsewhere, and I hope they will continue."

A former Director of the Greenwich Planetarium, Miss Couper will continue her work as a writer and broadcaster on astronomical matters.

Interviewed on the LBC night programme on February 26, Miss Couper said the *Daily Telegraph* had misreported her views on UFOs, and then went on to repeat that there was no evidence for the existence of a single reliable UFO report. She then made the very interesting admission that the U.S. Government DOES have a cover-up on the subject. The reason? "Because the Americans fear the UFOs are Soviet secret weapons"! G.C.

* *Not to be confused, of course, with the "senior body", the Royal Astronomical Society. ED.*

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In the days ahead we certainly intend to go on providing material that ought to set certain types of alleged "UFO research" back by quite a notch or two. Such "blocking" by us should anyway meet with widespread approval, since our critics say that UFOs don't exist and are merely piezo-electrical effects or birth traumata — a view that Governments certainly won't be slow to applaud either, seeing that they have been scraping the bottoms of their barrels lately for some "good explanations" — and will be having a harder job than ever, now that the book CLEAR INTENT is safely in print and sundry cats are well and truly out of the bag!

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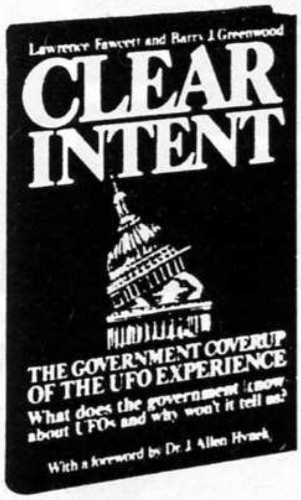

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Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Taboo Theme!

Dear Sir, — At Canadian Aviation Electronics, the firm where I work, I have been in the habit, from time to time, of discreetly broaching the subject of UFOs with pilots, and have sometimes left on their desks photocopies of UFO-related material. I was of course always careful not to push matters too far, well knowing that there is a standing order for silence on this subject.

However, today my Security Supervisor has very politely informed me that, at the express request of the pilots, I am in future to refrain from all discussion of UFOs and from leaving such material on desks.

Clearly the matter is productive of too much embarrassment!

Yours faithfully,
Ronald W. J. Anstee,
6565 24th Avenue,
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Quebec, Canada H1T 3M6.
November 14, 1984.

"Swirls" and Bath-Water Myths

Dear Sir, — That the "swirl"* is regulated by whether or not it is in the Northern or Southern Hemisphere is simply *myth.* The geometry of the plug itself is the main cause, and the water can go either way in either Hemisphere. The observer can also initiate the direction in which it turns.

Were the bath-water myth valid, the logical conclusion would be that at the Equator bath-water would not spin at all — and I'm very sure *that's* not the case!

Yours faithfully,
A. Calvert,
61 Brent Place,
Barnet, Herts EN5 2DS
January 10, 1985.

** In connection with the alleged "swirl" shown in photographs, we forgot to mention in our last issue one all-too-obvious consideration — namely that, if you **print** your UFO "nest" photos the wrong way round (as we think happens not infrequently with UFO photos) then you are inevitably going to get a "reversed swirl"! — EDITOR.*

News from Russia

Dear Mr. Creighton, — Several years ago Mr. Ch. Bowen kindly published two short articles of mine in your splended journal. Though it has lately become much more difficult to get acquainted here with FSR, I have some possibilities to read it occasionally. I am much glad to note that even in these hard times of declining public interest to the UFO problem your journal maintains its high standards of ufological researches. The articles which are now published in FSR are of the same use and value to every ufologist as ever. Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on this occasion.*

Recently I have published several new articles on the ETI problem in the Soviet and foreign press. You will find enclosed here a Xerox copy of my Letter to the Editor published in JBIS, 1983, Vol. 36, No. 11. It has been mainly devoted to the problem of ancient Space visits to this Earth, but its conclusions bear a relation to the problem of *modern* ones as well. I hope the correspondence will be of some interest to you. (Not printed here due to the lack of space. G.C.)

This year the Moldavian branch of the *Nauka (Science) Publishing House* has issued here my and Dr. A. D. Ursul's book on the ETI problem. I would be much obliged to you if I might avail myself of the facilities provided by your Mail Bag column and offer to the attention of your journal's readers the following advertisement:

The Shtiintsa (Science) Publishing House (Kishinev, U.S.S.R.) has just issued the book entitled *The Problem of Extraterrestrial Civilisations* by Dr. V. V. Rubtsov and Dr. A. D. Ursul. The book is the first scientific work dealing comprehensively with the ETI problem. It surveys and analyzes, in particular, such questions as the history of the problem, the search for extraterrestrial artifacts, the enigma of the Tunguska explosion, the problem of ancient Space visits to the Earth, etc. A special section is devoted to scientific investigations of the UFO phenomenon. Editors and Publishers from any country interested in publishing translations of this book are welcomed to contact the Soviet Copyright Agency (B. Bronnaya 6A, Moscow 103670 GSP, U.S.S.R.; telex: 7627 AVTOR SU) or directly the Shtiintsa Publishing House (Ul. Grosula 3, Kishinev 277028, U.S.S.R.).

Allow me once more to express my admiration about your splendid journal and to wish to you personally and to your colleagues every success in all your endeavours.

Sincerely,
Dr. Vladimir V. Rubtsov,
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October 22, 1984.

** It is a tremendous pleasure to hear again from one of our Russian friends and readers, for I have maintained a cordial correspondence over many years with investigators in that country, and have also the happiest memories of being a member of Russian clubs and societies and of attending the Orthodox Church during the eleven years that I spent among the huge communities of kind and warm-hearted Russian people in Further Asia (all of whom knew how to vote with their feet, and did so.)*

However, Mr. Rubtsov takes a rather more charitable view of us than does a choleric Mr Ian Mrzyglod of Bristol, who wrote recently to tell us that "FSR has now become little more than a comic, digging up old and irrelevant cases from the 1950s, and making extremely STUPID remarks about demonic UFOs". — EDITOR.

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